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1. Preamble

This policy has been separated out from SP001 Administration Circular 2023 at the wish of Diocesan Council.

2. Summary of Media Procedures for all Anglican personnel in the Diocese of the Northern Territory

All enquiries made by recognised media agencies should be directed to the Diocesan Office. Bishop Greg Anderson is the spokesperson for the Diocese. In his absence, enquiries should be directed to the Executive Assistant to the Bishop (admin@ntanglican.org.au). It is critical to note the following:

- No one other than the Bishop is authorised to speak to recognised media agencies on behalf of the Diocese or its operation;
- No media interviews will be organised or granted unless a prior arrangement has been made with the Diocesan Office. Generally, "door stop" interviews will not be granted;
- Even if a negative story is likely to eventuate without further comment, all clergy and lay ministers of the Diocese shall be polite but firm in dealings with the media by informing that they are not authorised to speak on behalf of the Diocese;
- No attempt should be made to forcibly remove the media from the premises, to obstruct filming or confiscate equipment; and
- No attempt should be made to take matters into one's own hands when dealing with the media.

3. Social media

The Diocese recognises that social media is widely used by parishes to promote and foster ministries. However, representations must not be on behalf of the Diocese as a whole. Also, care should be taken to ensure that engagements on social media are on the whole friendly and consistent with the Doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia.

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