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St John Paul II once wrote that any time of Jubilee was an opportunity to “remember the past with gratitude, celebrate the present with enthusiasm, and look to the future with hope”.

As we mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of Malaeola, we must be grateful for the vision and the enthusiasm of the leaders who first dreamed of this Centre for the various Catholic Samoan communities in Auckland Diocese. They had the foresight to purchase the site in Waokauri Place which is so accessible to the Auckland motorway system.

Their dream was that Malaeola would be a home, not only for themselves, but for future generations of Samoan Catholics who would live and grow up in Auckland. This would be a place where they could nourish both their Catholic and their Samoan heritage.

I am delighted with all that has been achieved over these past 20 years and I pray that Malaeola will continue to be a focus for the Samoan Catholic Church in Auckland Diocese for many years to come.

In St John's gospel, Jesus makes the great claim that “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10). May all who visit this beautiful complex always depart with some sense that the life of Christ in their hearts has been nourished and renewed.

May God bless you all.

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