



DIOCESE *of* PARRAMATTA

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOURTH BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA APPOINTED

His Holiness Pope Francis has today appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta. He has been Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2011.

Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD succeeds Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who was installed as Archbishop of Sydney in 2014.

The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. He and his family came to Australia in a refugee boat in 1980.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He was elected superior of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals in Australia in 2005.

Very Rev Peter G Williams, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Parramatta welcomes Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta.

“Bishop Vincent is no stranger to the diocese. As a Conventual Franciscan Friar, he was Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville (1998-2002),” Fr Peter Williams said.

“We look forward to welcoming him at his formal installation in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta, by which a date will be set in the near future.

“I ask you to pray for Bishop Vincent as he concludes his ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and assumes leadership of the Diocese of Parramatta.”

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About the Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocese of Parramatta is the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

It spans one of the fastest-growing areas of Australia, incorporating the greater Western Sydney area from Parramatta to Blackheath and from Richmond to Warragamba. It is home to 330,000 Catholics in an area of 1,050,000 people.

The Diocese hosts 47 parishes and churches, educates over 45,000 students in over 83 schools, employs over 5,000 staff and cares for thousands of people in need through its social services arm.

The Diocese of Parramatta is the fifth-largest Catholic Diocese in Australia.