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**Resignation of His Lordship the Most Reverend Edmund J.P. Collins, MSC
from the office of Bishop of Darwin**

**Appointment of His Lordship the Most Reverend Eugene Hurley
as the Bishop of Darwin**

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation presented to Him by His Lordship Most Reverend Edmund J.P. Collins, MSC, from the office of Bishop of Darwin, having attained retiring age.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has appointed the Most Reverend Eugene D. Hurley as the Bishop of Darwin. Until now, the Most Reverend Eugene Hurley has been the Bishop of Port Pirie.

The news of the appointment will be made public in Rome on Tuesday 3rd July 2007, at 12.00 noon, Rome time (at about 8.00 p.m. Australian Time).

Announcement released by the Apostolic Nuncio,
His Excellency Archbishop Ambrose De Paoli on 30th June 2007

