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## Two New Bishops Ordained in the Archdiocese of Sydney

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The Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo and Most Reverend Richard Umbers took place at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Wednesday evening 24 August 2016, the Feast of St Bartholomew.

Both Bishop Randazzo and Bishop Umbers were ordained Auxiliary Bishops of Sydney and will join Bishop Terry Brady as the three Auxiliary Bishops serving the Archdiocese of Sydney.

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney, was the Principal Consecrator and Celebrant. The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, and the Most Reverend Stephen Lee Bun-sang, Bishop of Macau, were the Principal Co-Consecrators.

In his words of welcome, Archbishop Fisher extended a special welcome to Bishop Denis Browne, Emeritus Bishop of Hamilton, New Zealand, who baptised Bishop Umbers. He also welcomed civic and religious leaders and representatives from sister churches.

The Bishops of Australia and from New Zealand, clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney and visiting clergy concelebrated. The choir of St Mary's Cathedral provided the music.

During the presentation of the bishops-elect, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, recited the Papal Bull.

In his homily, Archbishop Fisher said, 'our two new bishops have been appointed in interesting times'. After listing news headlines from the past two months, he said, 'there will be many more such challenges for humanity in the coming years. And behind the violence and insecurity, the populist politics and shaky economics, the inauthenticity in sport, culture and religion, there are individual heart-breaks and profound moral-spiritual issues'.

'In the face of such challenges the cry of the human heart is for wisdom voices and inspired leaders. We now look to these two young – youngish – priests to offer our civil and ecclesial communities much-needed witness to holiness, courage and mercy, and fresh insights into the way ahead.'

After Communion, the newly ordained bishops were led through the Cathedral and blessed the congregation. Before the final blessing, Bishop Randazzo delivered words of thanks to many on behalf of Bishop Umbers and himself. In particular, he said, 'It is with deep gratitude that we thank His Grace, Archbishop Fisher. Your Grace, your prayerful support, and tender fraternal care of us both over these past two months is inspirational and is only outdone by your example of patience, courage, and hope in God during your physical trials and suffering'.

To Pope Francis, Bishop Randazzo asked Archbishop Yllana to 'please express our deep gratitude to His Holiness, and reassure him of the faithfulness of the Archdiocese of Sydney to the mission of the Church'.

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Both bishops are available for interview upon request. Background info: <http://bit.ly/2bVgyv1>**