

## DIOCESE OF TOWNSVILLE

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**Under Embargo until 12 noon in Rome**

**Wednesday, 08 February 2017**

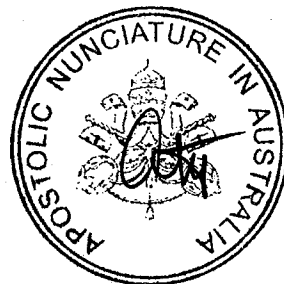
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The Apostolic Nunciature in Australia has the honour to announce that:

The Holy Father has appointed as Bishop of Townsville **Timothy James Harris**, who has been until now Parish Priest of Surfers Paradise in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The diocese of Townsville became vacant when the Bishop in office, Most Rev. Michael Ernest Putney, passed away on 28 March 2014.

Canberra, 08 February 2016



## CURRICULUM VITÆ

### **REVEREND FATHER TIMOTHY JAMES HARRIS BISHOP-ELECT OF TOWNSVILLE**

Rev. Timothy Harris was born in Brisbane on 29 October 1962. He had his primary education at Nundah Convent and Virginia State School and the secondary education at St Joseph's Nudgee College. After Graduation he joined the Bank of New South Wales as a Public Relations assistant in the Head Office for five years.

After his priestly formation at the Pius XII Provincial Seminary at Banyo in Brisbane, Rev. Harris was ordained a Deacon in 1991 and served his transitional Diaconate in Surfers Paradise Parish. Later he was ordained to Priesthood on 18 November 1992 in St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. During his years of priestly ministry, Fr. Tim served as Associate Pastor in the parishes of Grovely and Caboolture, and as Parish Priest, in Corinda Graceville (1996-2010) and Surfers Paradise (2010-2017). Besides, he served the Archdiocese of Brisbane as Dean of Western Deanery, South Coast Deanery; Chair of Taskforce for Pastoral Planning; Member of Personnel Board, Clergy Appointment Advisory Board and Priests Council.

