

## MEDIA STATEMENT

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Bishop Peter Quinn, the Third Catholic Bishop of Bunbury. He was 80 years of age.

Bishop Peter Quinn, was born in Highgate Hill, Perth WA 17 February 1928 to Aileen and Jerry Quinn from County Cork Ireland. He grew up in a family of five, four boys and one girl. He was educated at Sacred Heart Primary School and then by the Christian Brothers. Bishop Quinn was one of the 20 Foundation students when St Charles Seminary opened in February 1942. He went on to study in Rome at the Propaganda Fide College in 1947, and was ordained a priest 21 December 1950 at the age of 22. He was ordained a Bishop 27 August 1969 at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. He served for 13 years as Auxiliary in Perth.

Bishop Quinn was installed as Bishop of Bunbury on the 4 August 1982. His resignation as Bishop was accepted by Pope John Paul II on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2000. The Pope appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese until the installation of Bishop Gerard Holohan on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

### *Funeral arrangements*

Bishop Quinn's funeral will be on Wednesday 3 September 2008. He will be interred temporarily in the Bunbury Cemetery until the vault of the new St Patrick's Cathedral is completed. He will then be buried in the vault.

### **Most Rev Gerard J Holohan** **Bishop of Bunbury**

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