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**Pope Benedict XVI, creates the Chaldean Eparchy of  
Oceania, and appoints the Most Reverend Djibrail Kassab,  
the first Bishop**

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has created the new Chaldean Eparchy of Oceania with the title of “St Thomas the Apostle of Sydney of the Chaldeans” and has appointed His Lordship, the Most Reverend Djibrail Kassab, the first Bishop of the new Eparchy, transferring him from the See of Bassorah. The Prelate retains his title of Archbishop “*ad personam*”.

An Eparchy in the Chaldean Rite corresponds to a Diocese of the Latin Rite. The new jurisdiction embraces the Chaldean Communities both in Australia and in New Zealand.