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New Director for Catholic Enquiry Centre

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is entering a new era in its mission of reaching out to people and helping them come to know Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church.

Archbishop John Bathersby, the Chairman of the Bishops' Commission for Mission and Faith Formation, today announced the appointment of Mrs Marita Winters as the Director of the Catholic Enquiry Centre.

Marita has a background in marketing and communications, including eight years as the Director of Catholic Communications, Sydney. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Graduate Diploma of Theology in Marriage and Family from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, Melbourne.

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is a body of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, founded in 1959 for the better knowledge of Christ and the Catholic Church in Australia. It plays an important role in developing adult faith education material.

Archbishop Bathersby said he was delighted with Marita's appointment, which would bring great experience as well as fresh insight and energy to the CEC.

"The Catholic Enquiry Centre has played a proud role in the Catholic Church in Australia, seeking to connect with those searching for faith as well as people who might wish to return to the faith or those who simply wish to know about Catholic beliefs and practices," he said.

"I am confident Marita will bring both her professional experience and her strong faith to the task of ensuring that the CEC is at the cutting edge with new ways of using modern technology to reach out to the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"I am sure that many in the Catholic community will keep Marita and the very important work of the CEC in their prayers."

Marita said she was very much looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

"This role, with responsibility for evangelisation across Australia, is a significant opportunity to make a new contribution to Catholic life," she said.

"I am delighted that I will be able to share the journey of discovery with people as they come to meet Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church. It will be a source of great inspiration."

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