



## **Bishop Mark Coleridge honoured to be appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn**

Bishop Mark Coleridge today said he was honoured and humbled at his appointment as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn by Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishop Coleridge, 57, is currently Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. He succeeds Archbishop Francis Carroll, who is retiring, having reached the age of 75.

“I am honoured and humbled to follow Archbishop Carroll in a diocese with a history as rich and varied as its landscape,” Bishop Coleridge said.

“I look forward very much to meeting people, both in the cities and countryside and to serving them as pastor after Christ’s own heart.”

Archbishop Carroll welcomed the naming of his successor.

“I am delighted to welcome Bishop Mark Coleridge as my successor as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Really blessed by nature and grace, he will be a true pastor to the people of the Archdiocese and an effective leader in the wider community,” he said.

Archbishop Philip Wilson, the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference thanked Archbishop Carroll for his years of service to the Church and also welcomed Bishop Coleridge’s appointment.

“Bishop Coleridge’s wonderful intellect, talents and experience will be very valuable in his ministry,” Archbishop Wilson said.

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