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Pope Benedict XVI appoints Bishop Mark Coleridge as the new Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed His Lordship, Bishop Mark Coleridge as the new Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ambrose De Paoli announced today.

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

Bishop Coleridge was ordained a priest in 1974 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. He is a distinguished Scripture scholar, having studied in Rome and earned a doctorate in Sacred Scripture.

From 1998 to 2002 he worked in the Secretariat of State in Vatican City, before returning home in May 2002 when Pope John Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne.

Bishop Coleridge is currently the Chairman of the Australian Bishops' Commission for Liturgy and is a member of the Australian Bishops' Commission for Doctrine and Morals.

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