

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

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Resignation of His Lordship Most Reverend Jeremiah Coffey, Bishop of Sale

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation presented to Him by His Lordship has accepted the resignation submitted by His Lordship the Most Reverend Jeremiah Coffey as the Bishop of the Diocese of Sale, having attained retiring age.

The news of the resignation will be made public in Rome on Wednesday 2nd January 2008, at 12.00 noon, Rome time (at about 10.00 p.m. Australian Time).

Announcement released by the Apostolic Nunciature

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