



ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

Under Embargo until Monday 20 February 2012

12:00 Noon local time in Rome

10:00 p.m. AEST, 7:00 p.m. WST

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of **Most Rev. Barry James Hickey**, Archbishop of Perth. It was presented in accord with Can. 401 § 1 of the Code of Canon Law.

The Holy Father has appointed as Archbishop of Perth **Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe, S.D.B.**, until now Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne.

At the same time, Most Rev. Barry James Hickey has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of Perth until his successor will take possession of the Archdiocese.

Canberra, 17 February 2012

