



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

## THE PRESIDENT

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Archbishop Makarios of Christoupolis  
Archbishop-elect of Australia  
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Your Eminence,

Peace in our Risen Lord!

The joyful news of your election as Archbishop of Australia has reached me, and on behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Australia – of the Latin and other Churches – I make haste to offer congratulations, with the assurance of our prayers as you prepare to assume your apostolic mission on these shores.

The unforgettable Archbishop Stylianos has left a legacy of episcopal leadership which will be a strong foundation upon which you will build. Yet it is Christ himself, “firstborn from the dead” (Colossians 1:18), who is the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20); and He who has called you will be your strength.

I look forward to joining you at your Enthronement and to meeting you personally on that occasion. Still more, I look forward to working with you in every way possible for the proclamation in this country of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus who is “the Alpha and the Omega” (Apocalypse 1:8). In the meantime may the all-holy Mother of God guard you on your way.

With every Paschal good wish, I am  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane  
President