

Appointment of Reverend Mark Benedict Coleridge
Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

His Holiness Pope John Paul II has appointed Reverend Mark Benedict Coleridge, of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, until now working in the Secretariat of State, Vatican City, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. The news was made public in Rome on Friday 3rd May 2002 at 12 noon Rome time.

The news has been released by the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Francesco Canalini in the Apostolic Nunciature on 3rd May 2002.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Bishop-Elect Mark Benedict COLERIDGE, D.D., B.A., D.S.S.

Birth: 25th September, 1948, at Melbourne. The third of five children of Bernard Coleridge (deceased) and Marjorie Harvey (living)

Primary Education: Saint Joseph's School, Tranmere, South Australia, and Rostrevor College, Adelaide.

Secondary Education: Rostrevor College, Adelaide, and Saint Kevin's College, Toorak, in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Ecclesiastical Studies: Corpus Christi College, Werribee and Clayton, 1969-1974.

Ordination to Priesthood: St.Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, 18th May, 1974, by Bishop John A. Kelly.

Appointments:

Deacon, East St. Kilda, August, 1973 - February, 1974.

Assistant Priest, Drysdale, 14th December, 1974. Doncaster East, 25th January, 1975. Ashburton, 18th June, 1977. Pascoe Vale, 26th January, 1980.

From July, 1980, he studied for a Licence in Sacred Scripture at the Biblicum in Rome, completing this Degree in June, 1984. From June to December, 1984, he studied at the Pontifical Biblicum Institute in Jerusalem.

8th January, 1985, on staff of Catholic Theological College, residing at Glen Waverly and subsequently at Armadale.

1st February, 1988, returned to Rome to complete his Doctorate in Sacred Scripture.

Doctorate in Sacred Scripture, April, 1992. He became the first diocesan priest from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to receive this Degree.

Lecturer at Catholic Theological College from 1992, where he was Deputy Master and resided at Armadale.

At the end of 1994 official media spokesperson for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

From 1995 President of the Fellowship of Biblical Studies, Melbourne, and foundation President of the Forum of Australian Catholic Institutes of Theology.

Chair of the Board of Studies of the Melbourne College of Divinity.

In 1996 he was appointed Master of Catholic Theological College.

In 1997 he resided at the Cathedral presbytery.

1st January, 1998, he worked in the Secretariat of State, Vatican City.

7th December, 2001, Chaplain of His Holiness.

3rd May, 2002, Pope John Paul 11 appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Titular Bishop of Teveste.