

Bishop of Townsville's resignation accepted by the Holy Father

His Holiness Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Bishop Raymond C. Benjamin of Townsville. It was presented in conformity with canon 401, #1 of the Code of Canon Law.

This information was received from the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Francescon Canalini, yesterday in a Press Communique embargoed until 9pm (AEST), 18 April 2000.

Bishop Benjamin will remain as the Diocesan Administrator of the Townsville Diocese until such time as his successor is appointed.