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BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO APPOINTED AS 4TH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

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The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP has congratulated Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo on his appointment by Pope Francis as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Bishop Randazzo, who has been an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney since 2016 will succeed the Most. Rev. Peter Comensoli who was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne in 2018.

Archbishop Fisher said Bishop Randazzo has made an enormous contribution to the Archdiocese as one of its three Auxiliary Bishops.

“As the Episcopal Vicar for Formation, he has contributed much to the initial formation of our seminarians and the ongoing formation of our priests. As Chair of the Board of Sydney Catholic Schools, he has contributed to the governance of schools that serve thousands of young people and their families”, Archbishop Fisher said.

“I am deeply grateful to have had Bishop Randazzo as my close collaborator in Sydney over the past three years. I have been enriched by his counsel and inspired by his love of God and God’s people. While the Archdiocese of Sydney will be sad to see him leave, we are pleased that he will not be moving far and look forward to continuing working with him in service of the people of our region”, Archbishop Fisher added.

“Bishop Randazzo also brings to his new task broad experience as a parish priest, canonist, seminary rector and bishop. He will now shepherd a flock of over 200,000 Catholics across Sydney’s north shore, northern beaches and the Central Coast”.

Bishop Randazzo said he was honoured and humbled by the appointment, and grateful to the Holy Father for the confidence he has shown in him.

“Ultimately, this appointment is not about me; it is about Jesus Christ, and about how we, as living members of the Body of Christ, bring Him to the world by the way we live out our baptismal vocation with love. We are instruments in His hands”, he said.

“While I accept this appointment with great anticipation, I am also sad to leave the Archdiocese of Sydney. The three years that I have spent in Sydney have been a great blessing”, he added.

“Archbishop Fisher has been a father and brother to me, a mentor and guide, a helper and wise friend. I am grateful to him for his leadership, and for his example of how to be a priest and Bishop”.

“Another highlight has been moving around the various regions of Sydney, particularly the western region for which I have been responsible. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of God in Sydney. I have shared with them their joys and struggles and witnessed their desire for good, hopeful and happy families. There is a wonderful dynamic of vibrancy in the people of Sydney, and I will be eternally grateful to God for my time with them”, Bishop Randazzo said.

The date for Bishop Randazzo’s installation will be announced shortly.

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