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ARCHDIOCESE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Cardinal Pell last night called on all business men and women to work together on contemporary issues within an ethical framework to promote Christian values.

The Archbishop of Sydney was launching the innovative Sydney Catholic Business Network.

An initiative of the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Cardinal hopes the new Business Network will bring together business and community leaders – from all political persuasions – as well as clergy, to discuss matters of mutual concern, share ideas focused on contemporary issues and support the charitable works of the Sydney Archdiocese.

Cardinal Pell said the Catholic Church has always felt the responsibility of contributing to community needs.

Talking to about one hundred business, community and political leaders attending the launch Cardinal Pell said the Catholic Church has always made a great contribution to civic life – schools, hospitals and welfare services – however this new Business Network provides the ideal opportunity for business, government, community as well as Catholic leaders to come together to discuss matters of mutual concern.

“As Christians we strive to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and as Christian leaders it is our responsibility to be principled and ethical in all our dealings, whether it be with shareholders, employees, customers or clients, while being aware of our responsibilities to Australian society generally,” Cardinal Pell said.

He added we have much to learn from the recent financial situation in Europe and should be grateful for our own economic landscape but added there is still much we can do as a democratic society supporting each other and the less fortunate.

The Sydney Catholic Business Network is open to all those who share the Christian beliefs.

Membership includes four business luncheons throughout the year which will provide the opportunity for like minded people to come together to listen to speakers, share their thoughts and ideas on contemporary issues and perhaps develop projects.

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