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*Eph 4:15*

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## **Appointment of new Auxiliary Bishop, Fr Danny Meagher**

My warm congratulations to Father Danny Meagher on his appointment by Pope Francis as auxiliary bishop of Sydney. His appointment will be very warmly received by the priests and people of Sydney.

I have worked with Fr Danny for many years. He was one of my chief collaborators working on World Youth Day in 2008 and back then I observed the very determined and practical, 'can do' man behind the spiritual priest.

One of my first tasks as Archbishop was to confirm his appointment as Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd and he conducted his task with learning, confidence, charm and firmness. In my view he truly grew in the job and in his time there the seminary was a happy and holy place where young men were well nurtured and formed. He gave a great gift to the Church in Sydney and beyond in the many zealous and fruitful priests who came forth from the seminary in his time—and many of these sung his praises to me.

Fr Danny has had a very broad experience as a priest. In addition to being a seminary rector, he has ministered in the parishes of Mt Pritchard, Mosman, Gymea, Hoxton Park, Carnes Hill, North Leichhardt, Broken Hill, Penshurst-Peakhurst, Strathfield and Five Dock as a truly good shepherd.

He has also served on the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors and Trustees of the Archdiocese, and the Boards of the Catholic Weekly and CatholicCare. He has been a fellow and councillor of St John's College in the University of Sydney and a member of the Charitable Works Fund Appeals Tribunal, the Committee for Ongoing Formation of the Clergy, and the Commission for Ministries and Orders.

That he has achieved so much in his first 25 years as a priest is a tribute to his generosity as a man who gives his all for his Lord, his Church and the task at hand whatever it is. We can look forward to great things in the next 25 years!

It is a sign of his determination to "get to work" in building up God's kingdom that he is ready to be ordained bishop so soon, on 8 December 2021 at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

It is with enthusiasm that I welcome him to the College of Bishops and look forward to working beside him in the Lord's vineyard.

Yours faithfully in Christ

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Anthony Fisher, OP". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

**Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP**  
Archbishop of Sydney