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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Papal Honour for Karl Schmude**

Karl Gerard Schmude of Armidale will be invested as a Knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory The Great at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. This honour has been granted to Mr Schmude by Pope Francis.

The award recognises his great witness and contribution Mr Schmude has made to the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Armidale and in the broader Australian community, and to the Bishop of Armidale. He has demonstrated a deep commitment to the Catholic Church and to his Catholic faith

Mr Schmude has spent a lifetime of academic, literary and spiritual pursuits in the Catholic liberal arts tradition. Of particular note has been his involvement in the Campion Society, the Australian Chesterton Society, the Christopher Dawson Centre for Cultural Studies, Campion College and Saint Albert's College at the University of New England.

Mr Schmude is highly regarded and deeply respected by all who know him, be they fellow parishioners, Bishops and Archbishops, or politicians. His humility, unassuming character, sense of humour, love of the truth and love for the Church, endear him to many.

Bishop Kennedy states: "I am delighted that the Holy Father has accepted my nomination of Karl Schmude for this Papal Honour. It is a justly deserved honour for someone who has made a large contribution to the life of the Church in the Diocese and more broadly."

Mr Schmude is the 5<sup>th</sup> awardee as Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great in the history of the Diocese. Mr Henry Carlon of Uralla, will be attending the Mass accompanied by his wife Pam. He is the last awardee and only living recipient other than Karl.

7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017