



Communications Office

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

On Friday, 30 June 2023, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Gerard Holohan as the Bishop of Bunbury. Bishop Holohan had offered his resignation to the Pope when he turned 75 in September last year, as he was required to do by Canon Law. Some nine months later, the Pope has accepted the bishop's resignation.

In order to make provision for the needs of the diocese of Bunbury while the process of consultation prior to the appointment of a new Bishop takes place, the Pope has appointed Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB as the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Bunbury. Both the retirement of Bishop Holohan and the appointment of Archbishop Costelloe are effective immediately.

The archbishop continues in his role as Archbishop of Perth, as president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and as a member of the preparatory commission for the forthcoming Synod of Bishops.