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Notre Dame Honours Reverend Father Mark Poorman, C.S.C., with Honorary Doctorate

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud to announce the conferral of an Honorary Doctorate upon Reverend Father Mark Poorman, C.S.C., in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, leadership, and the promotion of the Catholic ethos within academic institutions.

Fr. Poorman received his Honorary Degree at a special conferral ceremony at the University's Fremantle campus on Tuesday evening attended by University leaders, founders and supporters.

He has been fundamental and central to the ongoing growth and success of the University of Notre Dame Australia. He served as a Governor of the University from 2004 to 2017, providing valuable guidance and support to its mission and growth. He has visited each of the Notre Dame Australia campuses in Fremantle, Broome, and Sydney on numerous occasions, fostering a deep connection with the institution and its community.

The University's Chancellor Chris Ellison extended gratitude on behalf of the Notre Dame community to Fr. Poorman for his unwavering dedication, commitment, and vision.

"His decades of service and unwavering loyalty have played an instrumental role in shaping the international institution we cherish today. We thank Fr. Poorman for his indelible impact, which has inspired us to reach new heights and foster a global community of learning," Mr Ellison said.

Fr. Poorman was the 20th President of the University of Portland (Oregon) from 2014 to 2021, during which the University saw significant growth in enrollments and fundraising. He demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication to education, inspiring both students and faculty.

Before becoming President of the University of Portland, Fr. Poorman served as Executive Vice President from 2011 to 2014, playing a key role in the University's achievements.

Beyond the University of Portland, Fr. Poorman's dedication to education extended to the University of Notre Dame du Lac from 1999 to 2010, where he served as Vice President for

Student Affairs and acted as the priest-in-residence in Keough Hall.

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