



MEDIA ALERT – Archdiocese of Brisbane

21 February 2022

Ordination of Auxiliary Bishop Tim Norton SVD

Father Tim Norton SVD will be ordained as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Brisbane in St Stephen's Cathedral at 10.30am on Tuesday 22 February.

27 Bishops from around Australia will attend the episcopal ordination of the Sydney born priest, who until recently ran ministry programs for his religious order – commonly known as the Divine Word Missionaries or SVDs – in Italy.

Born in 1958, Bishop-Elect Norton graduated from Marist Brothers Eastwood before commencing studies as a seminarian in Mexico in 1986. He was ordained in 1991.

Since June 2020, Fr Norton has been working full-time with consecrated women and men promoting interculturality, something his order are renowned for both worldwide and in Australia.

Fr Norton said ministry to multicultural communities is an important way his order is already involved in Brisbane Archdiocese.

Whilst formerly serving as head of the Australian province, he worked with Archbishop Coleridge to establish a Divine Word Missionary presence in two parishes.

“The SVD are active in the parishes of Inala and Kingston-Marsden, both very multicultural, and therefore places where the SVD confreres do their best work,” he said.

He said he would bring to his ministry in Brisbane “an intense interest in culture, and the mission of God in the world, whatever shape or form that may take”.

An interview with Fr Tim Norton SVD, including his time in India, Mexico and working at Pentridge Prison, is accessible [here](#) .

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What: Episcopal Ordination of Fr Tim Norton SVD
Where: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
When: 10.30am – 12.15pm (approx), Tuesday 22nd February

Observing COVID-safe practices, Media representatives are welcome to film, record or photograph the service.

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