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New Auxiliary Bishops Appointed for Melbourne

It is with great joy that the Archdiocese of Melbourne shares the news of Pope Francis' appointment of new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Melbourne – **the Reverend Monsignor Anthony Ireland** and the **Reverend Father Martin Ashe**.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne said: “On behalf of God’s faithful of Melbourne, I am delighted with this great news, and am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for these gifts to our Archdiocese.”

“Each of these fine priests have made valuable contributions to the life of the local Church; each know this Archdiocese well and have a wide experience of dedicated ministry; and each will bring unique skills and missionary energy to our local communities of faith.”

“They are men of deep prayer and service – with hearts for those in need and a passion to share and live the Gospel amongst God’s people.”

“I know that Bishop-elect Ireland and Bishop-elect Ashe will be warmly welcomed by priests and lay people alike, and I ask for your prayers as they begin this new path in their ministerial lives.”

The new Bishops will join Bishop Terry Curtin who will generously continue in his role as Auxiliary Bishop and Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Region of the Archdiocese.

The Episcopal Ordination is expected to take place at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne towards the end of July.

Further information on the Bishops-elect may be found at: www.melbournecatholic.org.

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