



## The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

HOUSTON, TEXAS, March 26, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my privilege and joy to share with you the happy news that our Holy Father, Pope Francis and has appointed our own **Father Carl Reid** as Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia. This comes as the Holy Father has accepted the retirement of Monsignor Harry Entwistle, who headed the Ordinariate there since its founding in 2013.



Let me first express a word of gratitude to my colleague and dear Friend, Monsignor Entwistle. Monsignor Harry has served well beyond the retirement age of 75, all the while laying a firm foundation for the future flourishing of the Ordinariate “down under.” In addition to its parishes on the Australian mainland, the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross has experienced some exciting growth in the Torres Strait Islands, in Japan, and most recently in the Philippines. Finding a worthy successor to carry on the

pioneering work of Monsignor Entwistle was no small task, and I am delighted that the Holy Father recognized in Father Carl both the experience and pastoral virtues to carry on that work. We should all offer prayers of gratitude to God for the fidelity and example of Monsignor Entwistle, as we wish him and his wife, Jean, well in retirement.

Australia’s new Ordinary, Father Carl Reid, was born on December 14, 1950, and was baptized on January 14, 1951, in the Anglican Church of Canada. He earned a degree in Geological Engineering at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario in 1973. He subsequently earned a Master of Divinity Degree from St. Bede’s Theological College. In 2006, he was given the title of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa*. He was ordained a deacon in the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada in 1988, and a minister in the same jurisdiction on June 23, 1990. He was ordained a suffragan bishop of the same communion on June 27, 2007. Most of his ministry as an Anglican was spent in Ottawa, Ontario.



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Father Carl will be installed as Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross on Tuesday, August 27, at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary’s in the Archdiocese of Sydney by the Archbishop, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher, O.P. Archbishop Fisher will be joined by Archbishop Augustine DiNoia, O.P., Adjunct Secretary of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Monsignor Keith Newton from the UK Ordinariate and I will be representing our respective Ordinariates at the Installation celebrations. All of our clergy and faithful are welcome, though admittedly it’s a long way to go for Mass!

Please join me in praying for Father Carl and for his wife, Barb, as they transition into this new adventure. Those of you planning to attend the Ordinariate Chrism Mass on April 11 will have the opportunity to congratulate Father Carl in person. I have asked him to preach the homily at our annual Chrism Mass.

With prayerful best wishes, I am  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes