

DISCUSSION FORUM 1 - THURSDAY, 18 JULY 2024



Her Excellency Chiara Porro
*Australian Ambassador
to the Holy See*

HE Ambassador Chiara Porro is a career diplomat who joined Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in 2009. She has held a range of positions in Canberra, including most recently as Director, Ministerial and Executive Liaison Section, Executive Branch. She was seconded as an Adviser to the International Division of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (2016-17), and has worked in DFAT's Budget Branch (2015-16) and Africa Branch (2014).

Overseas, Ambassador Porro has served as Deputy Consul-General in Noumea, New Caledonia (2018-2020), on a short term mission to West Africa (2016), and as Second Secretary in New Delhi, India (2011-2014).

Ambassador Porro holds a Master of International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Leiden, the Netherlands and a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from the University of York, United Kingdom. She speaks Italian and French.

Ambassador Porro presented credentials to His Holiness Pope Francis on 27 August 2020.

Ambassador Porro is married and has two children.



Archbishop Christopher Prowse
*Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Chair, ACBC Bishops Commission for
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Archbishop Christopher Prowse was appointed Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Australia in 2013. He was previously the Bishop of Sale Diocese (2009-2013). He was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2001. Afterwards he was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in 2001. Archbishop Prowse is a current member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference as Chair, Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Church Ministry. He is also the Bishop Delegate for the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO).

He was a Member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Rome. In 2014, he was appointed Consultor to the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. In 2016, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Wagga Wagga Diocese until the appointment of Bishop Mark Edwards in May 2020. In May 2021, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Military Ordinariate of Australia.



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