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Fr Danny Meagher welcomed as new Auxiliary Bishop for Sydney 18 November 2021

The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher has passed on his warm congratulations to Fr Danny Meagher on his appointment by Pope Francis as auxiliary bishop of Sydney.

Fr Meagher, who is currently the Administrator of All Hallows Parish, Five Dock, has served as a priest in the Archdiocese of Sydney for over 25 years, including six years as Rector of Good Shepherd Seminary.

Archbishop Fisher said Fr Meagher's appointment will be very warmly received by the priests and people of Sydney.

"I have worked with Fr Danny for many years. He was one of my chief collaborators working on World Youth Day in 2008 and back then, I observed the very determined and practical, 'can do' man behind the spiritual priest", he said.

Archbishop Fisher has praised Fr Meagher as a truly good shepherd who has ministered in 10 parishes since his ordination, served on numerous Archdiocesan boards and contributed greatly to the formation of priests.

"That he has achieved so much in his first 25 years as a priest is a tribute to his generosity as a man who gives his all for his Lord, his Church and the task at hand whatever it is. We can look forward to great things in the next 25 years!"

Fr Meagher said he was greatly honoured by the appointment. As a long-time supporter of homelessness charities, including the St Vincent De Paul Society and the Order of Malta, Fr Meagher said he wants to focus his ministry as bishop on serving the marginalised.

"We need to do that as a Church because the disadvantaged are our greatest treasure. I am attracted very much to that ministry because I find that in being close to people on the margins, I come much closer to God", he said.

Fr Meagher said he would also like to use his new appointment to strengthen ties between parishes and schools.

"Our parish-school network is the greatest asset we have in the Church and one way we can help enrich that is through our sacramental programs, including Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. So many thousands are looking for Jesus in the sacraments and if we can celebrate them lovingly and with respect, I think we can attract so many people back to the regular practice of the Mass", he added.

Fr Meagher will be ordained a bishop at a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 8 December 2021 at 7pm.

He will join Bishops Richard Umbers and Terence Brady as the third Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. Read more about Bishop-Elect Meagher here: www.sydneycatholic.org

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