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## **ARCHBISHOP FISHER LEADS PRAYERS FOR FRANCE**

The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP has written to his counterpart in Paris, Most Rev Michel Aupetit, conveying his prayers and sympathy for the Catholic community of France in the aftermath of the devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Prayers are also being offered at a number of Masses at St Mary's Cathedral today and a single bell will toll after the 5:30pm Mass this evening.

"Here in Sydney we know about the grief experienced by our brothers and sisters in France as we have twice lost our own cathedral to fire," Archbishop Fisher said.

"I have visited and prayed in Notre Dame de Paris on many occasions. It stands as a symbol of our Christian faith and civilisation. In this moment of sorrow, the Church of Sydney and Australia unites with the Church in France in grief.

"We are all praying for our French brothers and sisters in Christ with this new heavy cross to bear."

The Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Rev Don Richardson, has also reached out to the Dean of Notre Dame Cathedral, Monsignor Patrick Chauvet, conveying his prayers and sympathy directly to Catholics in Paris.

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