



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
AUSTRALIA

***THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL MCKENNA
BISHOP OF BATHURST.***

THE HOLY FATHER WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF THE MOST REVEREREND PATRICK DOUGHERTY. RECALLING WITH GRATITUDE BISHOP DOUGHERTY'S TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF EPISCOPAL MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF BATHURST, HE JOINS YOU AND ALL PRESENT AT THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL IN COMMENDING HIS SOUL TO GOD THE FATHER OF MERCIES. TO ALL WHO MOURN BISHOP DOUGHERTY IN THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION, HIS HOLINESS CORDIALLY IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF CONSOLATION AND STRENGTH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

***CARDINAL TARCISIO BERTONE
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