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Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of Birth:

Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales 1974,
Name removed from roll at own request and admitted as a Barrister 1980.

Ordained Catholic Deacon 30th November, 1979.

Ordained Catholic Priest 16th August, 1980.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (University of Sydney) – 1974

Master of Laws (University of Sydney) – 1978

Thesis: *The Application of the Trade Practices Act to Shopping Centre Leases.*

Master of General Studies (University of New South Wales) – 1984

Thesis: *The Good Shepherd Sisters and the Adolescent Girl in Need of Care.*

Bachelor of Theology (Catholic Institute of Sydney) – 1980

Graduate Diploma of Religious Education (McAuley College now Australian Catholic University) – 1986

Diploma of Jurisprudence (University of Sydney) – 1989
[awarded Gustav and Emma Bondy Post Graduate Award for Jurisprudence]

Licentiate in Sacred Theology (Catholic Institute of Sydney) – 2000
Thesis: *Resolving a Conflict of Moral Duty – The Secrecy of the Confessional and Civil Law: A Case Study*

Certificate in Pastoral Communication (Pontifical Gregorian University Rome) – 2002

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Deacon, Mascot, 1979

Assistant Priest, Mt. Pritchard, 1980 – 1985

Assistant Priest, Lane Cove, 1985 – 1987

Assistant Priest, St Mary's Cathedral, 1987 – 1990

Archdiocesan Secretary & Financial Administrator 1990 – 2002

General Secretary, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2002 –

MEMBERSHIPS OF BODIES AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Member, Advisory Board, Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth Services, 1982 – 1989.
Member, Board of Management, Rosemount Youth and Family Services Inc. 1989 – 2002

Member, Accreditation, Constitution and By-laws Committee, St. Margaret's Private Hospital, 1983– 1984

Columnist, *The Catholic Weekly*, 1983 – 2002

Member, Editorial Board, *Australasian Catholic Record*, 1984 –

Chairman, Law Review Committee, Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission, 1984 – 1990

Official Media Spokesman, Archdiocese of Sydney, 1985 – 2002

Vice-president, Manly Union, 1985 – 1988

Member, Advisory Board, Institute of Counselling, 1986 – 2002

Member, Board of Management, Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Fund, 1987 – 1990

Member, Executive, The Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral, 1987– 1989

Member, National AIDS Forum, 1988 – 1990

Member, Board of Management, St. Mary's Cathedral Museum, 1988

Member, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Committee for Professional Standards 1988 – 1999

Trustee of The Curran Foundation 1990 – 2002

Consultant, National Church's Working Group on AIDS, 1990– 1995, Chairman 1995 – 1998

Member, Religious Property Advisory Panel, Heritage Council of NSW 1992 – 2002

Member, Catholic Development Fund Board, Archdiocese of Sydney, 1993 – 2002

Member, Australian Taxation Office – Charities Consultative Committee 1999 –

Member, Department of the Treasury, GST Start Up Office Community Sector Advisory Panel 1999 – 2000

Trustee of the Annie Casey Estate, 2001 –

Director, Catholic Church Insurances Limited, 2004 –

Member, Mission and Identity Colloquium Working Party, Australian Catholic University 2006 – 2010

Member, Public Policy Institute Advisory Council, Australian Catholic University 2010 –

Member, Community Engagement Committee, Australian Catholic University 2010 –

Adjunct Professor, Australian Catholic University 2010 –

Member National Compact Sector Advisory Council 2010.

Member, Not-for-Profit Sector Tax Concession Working Group (Treasury) 2012 –

OTHER AWARDS

2002 Churchill Fellowship (Winston Churchill Memorial Trust)

Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors

Company Directors Course – 2008

Mastering the Board Room – 2012

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Chapters 6.1 *Criminal Matters Involving Children* & 6.2 *Care Proceedings in the Children's Court* in The Lawyers' Practice Manual, Law Book Co. 1983.

Questions About the Catholic Church, St. Pauls Publications, November 1989.

Co-authored with Fr. Robert Borg and Fr. Gerard Kelly, *Celebrating with Children - Resources* (Volume 1), *Celebrating with Children - Readings* (Volume 2) E. J. Dwyer, 1990. Republished by St Paul Publications 2012.

The Laity Today, St. Paul Publications, April 1991.

Together We Pray, R. Borg (ed), E.J. Dwyer 1993 (contributor)

Church Administration Handbook, (co authored with William d'Apice and Fr Peter Slack), St Pauls Publications, Homebush, 2008.

Chapter 8 (co-authored with Anne Robinson) *Religion as a head of charity? Modernising Charity Law* (McGregor-Lowndes and O'Halloran), Edward Elgar Publishing 2010.

BOOKLETS

When Things Go Wrong, E. J. Dwyer, 1991.

Life At All Costs? E. J. Dwyer, 1992.

ARTICLES

'Monopolization and the Shopping Centre Developer' Law Society Journal Vol.15, 1977.

'Abortion in New South Wales - Legal or Illegal?' Australian Law Journal Vol.52, 1978.

'"Evidence" and the Child Welfare Act' Law Society Journal Vol.17, 1979.

'Legal Aid for Children - Some Reflections' Australian Child and Family Welfare Vol.4, 1979.

'Legal Representation of Infants' Law Society Journal Vol.17, 1979.

'Advocacy in Children's Courts' Criminal Law Journal Vol.4, 1980.

'Ministering to the Socially Dysfunctional Adolescent' Australasian Catholic Record Vol.LVII, 1980.

'Child Welfare - Proving "The Good"' Law Society Journal Vol.19, 1981.

'We Know What is Happening but How Do we Prove It?' Criminal Law Journal Vol.5, 1981.

'Separate Representation of Children - Some Comments' Law Society Journal Vol.19, 1981.

'Legal Intervention in the Care of Children' Criminal Law Journal Vol.6, 1982.

'Copyright & Parishes' with Roderick O'Brien Australasian Catholic Record Vol.LIX, 1982.

'Homosexuality - Community Attitudes and Church Ministry' Australasian Catholic Record Vol.LXII, 1985.

'The Churches and Law Reform' Faith and Culture, 1987.

'Church and Media - The Future?' Faith and Culture, 1988.

'Communicating *Christifideles Laici*', Australasian Catholic Record, Vol.LXVI No.4, October, 1989, p.395.

'Surrogate Motherhood' *The Case Against*, published in *For & Against*, (ed) Richard Giles, Brooks Waterloo, 1989.

'Why Ethics?' Editorial Bioethics Research Notes, December 1989.

'Children and Parents in Conflict' Australasian Catholic Record, Vol.LXVII No.2, April, 1990, p.165.

'Fundamentalism and Public Policy' Australasian Catholic Record, Vol.LXVII No.4, October 1990, p.394.

'The Wealthy Church - Some Myths' Australasian Catholic Record, Vol.LXIX No.2, April, 1992, p.139.

Mother Mary MacKillop International Dictionary of Biography (1994)

'Taxation Reform - A Moral Issue' Australasian Catholic Record, Vol.LXXV No.3, July, 1998, p.315.

'Building Parish Communities Through better Communication", Australasian Catholic Record, Vol 81 No.4, October, 2004, p.410.

'Mission and Identity of Faith-Based Organisations – The Role of the Bishops, Australasian Catholic Record, Vol. 84 No.1, January, 2007, p.45.

'Diocesan Assets and Risk Management' *Catholic Development Funds, Fund Managers' Conference*, Melbourne, 4 February 2008. Published in Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand, Newsletter, 2008 No.1 p. 57ff.

'The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church – Ten years On' [co-authored with Kimberly Davis], Australasian Catholic Record, Vol 86 No.2, April, 2009, p.145.

'Social Communication – Vatican II and the Australian Church' Australian eJournal of Theology Vol 19.2 (August 2012), p. 155

'The Episcopal Conference in the Communications Marketplace: Issues and Challenges for Catholic Identity and Ecclesiology', Australasian Catholic Record, Vol 89 No.4, October, 2012, p.408.

MAJOR PAPERS

'The Legal Implications of Definitional Distinctions in Care Proceedings' *Interdisciplinary Conference on Child Neglect and Abuse*, Sydney, 1980. Department of Youth and Community Services, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, Conference Proceedings p.251– 274

'Decisionmaking – What Considerations are Relevant' *Sydney '86 An International Conference on Health Law and Ethics*, Sydney, 1986.

'Problems of Structure and Rationale in Legal Procedure for Child Abuse Cases' *Sixth International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect*, Sydney, 1986.

'The Role of the Church in Care' *Third National Conference on AIDS*, Hobart, 1988. Department of Community Services and Health, Conference Proceedings p.274.

'Ethical Aspects of Terminating Medical Treatment – A Religious Perspective' *The Fourteenth Australia & New Zealand Scientific Meeting on Intensive Care*, Gold Coast, September, 1989.

'Confidentiality, Confession and Civil Law' *Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand*, 24th Conference 1990.

'Christian Fundamentalism' Address – *Annual General Meeting, Catholic Women's League of New South Wales*, 10th November, 1992.

'Business Ethics and Christian Principles' *Australasian Catholic Church Development Funds Conference*, Wellington, New Zealand, 11– 14 June, 1993.

'Church as Community and in Community' *Community in Australia*, Patrick O'Farrell & Louella McCarthy (eds), Community History Program, University of New South Wales, 1994

'A New Focus (Funds of Future "Church")', *Australasian Catholic Church Development Funds Conference*, Cairns, 10th June, 1995.

'Ethical Issues at the End of Life' *7th International Psycho-geriatric Association Congress*, Gold Coast, 29th October – 3rd November, 1995.

'Are our Archives Safe? – An Ecclesial View of Search Warrants' *Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand* – 9th October, 1996.

'Managing the Church's Heritage – Responsible Stewardship' *Business With Style Conference* – 7th March 1997.

'Exhibiting Human Remains – the ethical issues' *Powerhouse Museum* 12th May 2000

'Building Faith Commitment Through Better Communication' Address to the 2002 Convention, *National Council of Priests of Australia*, The Entrance, NSW 2nd August 2002

'How Media Reports On Church Doctrine' Address to the Annual Conference *Australian Catholic Press Association*, Sydney, 8th August 2002

'Privacy Issues – Australia and new Zealand – Australia' *Annual Conference Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand*, 36th Conference 2002.

Address to the annual conference *Australian Religious Press Association* 10th August 2002.

'Legislation Update' Keynote Address to the *Church Administration Conference*, Sydney 2004.

'Communications' Address to the 6th Biennial Convention, *Serra Council of Australia New Zealand and the South Pacific (SCNZPAC)*, Canberra, 2006.

'Diocesan Assets and Risk Management' *Catholic Development Funds, Fund Managers' Conference*, Melbourne, 4 February 2008.

'The Bishops' Perspective on Governance of the Ministries' *Catholic Health Australia Annual Conference*, Hobart 18 August 2009.

'Modernising Charity Law Religion – Some Comments' Centre for Philanthropy and Non-for Profit Studies, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 2009.

'What are the Key Corporate Law Interactions with Church Governance Structures?' *Catholic Health Australia Seminar*, Sydney 6 July 2010.

'Governance Structures for Religious Institutes Going Forward', *The New South Wales State Legal Conference*, Sydney, 28 March 2011.

'The Episcopal Conference in the Communications Market Place: Issues of Identity and Collegiality', A symposium hosted by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Santa Clara University, and the Communications Committee of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Santa Clara University, June 25-27, 2012

'Social Communication – Vatican II and the Australian Church' Conference, Australian Catholic University, Fruits and Future of Vatican II, 19-21 September 2012