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## Appointment of the Bishop of Sandhurst

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Tuesday, 23 July 2019*

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The Apostolic Nunciature in Australia has the honour to announce that His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Leslie Rogers Tomlinson, Bishop of Sandhurst.

The Holy Father has appointed as Bishop of Sandhurst the Reverend Father **Shane Mackinlay**, who has been until now Parish Priest of St. Michael's Parish Bungaree (Diocese of Ballarat), and Master of the Catholic Theological College Melbourne.

Canberra, 22 July 2019



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **REVEREND FATHER SHANE MACKINLAY BISHOP-ELECT OF THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST**

Shane Mackinlay was born in Melbourne in 1965 and attended the local government school until his family moved to Ballarat in 1975. In Ballarat, he was a student at St Francis Xavier Primary School and St Patrick's College, where he was dux in 1982. He has two siblings and is the uncle of five nieces and nephews.

He studied for the priesthood at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, completing theology studies at Catholic Theological College and a degree in physics at Monash University. As a deacon, he served in the parish of Warrnambool, before being ordained as priest for the Ballarat Diocese in 1991, and serving in the parishes of Hamilton, Colac and Ballarat Cathedral. He then undertook graduate studies in philosophy at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, where he completed a Master's degree and a Doctorate. His doctoral thesis was published by Fordham University Press.

Father Mackinlay was administrator of the Casterton parish for six months and parish priest of the Sebastopol parish for four years. He has been parish priest of the Bungaree parish since 2005; since 2009, he has also provided weekend sacramental ministry for the neighbouring parish of Gordon.

For several years, he taught philosophy at Australian Catholic University, Ballarat. Most of his teaching has taken place at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, where he has been Master since 2011. The following year, he was appointed Associate Professor by the University of Divinity.

From 2012 to 2014, he was the spokesperson for the Catholic Church during the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations. He was secretary to the Bishop of Ballarat from 1998 to 2001, and has been the chairperson of the Bishop's Advisory Council of the Ballarat diocese since it was established in 2009.