

CITATION DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR K. R. McKINNON, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ADMISSION OF RICHARD HENRY GOODHEW TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA, ON 7 OCTOBER 1993.

Chancellor, I present to you Richard Henry Goodhew.

His Grace was born in Sydney in March 1931. He grew up in Marrickville and attended Dulwich Hill High School where he was dux of the school in 1946. His early career was in commerce and accountancy but, in 1955, he took a different path and, as the poet Frost once observed of such choices in life, "that has made all the difference". It has led to a life of service of others, a keen pursuit of historical and religious scholarship and one of the highest public offices in the land.

Harry Goodhew graduated from Moore Theological College in Sydney in 1957 and was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1958. He was a curate in Sydney's eastern and southern suburbs for 5 years and completed theological studies with the Australian College of Theology. In 1963 he left to spend three years as a bush pastor with the Bush Church Aid Society in Ceduna, South Australia. There he developed a lasting interest in the missionary field and, in later years, became the Chairman of the Bush Aid Society and Vice-President of the Church Missionary Society.

Harry Goodhew returned to Sydney in 1966 as rector of St Paul's Carlingford before moving in 1971 to St Stephens, Coorparoo – one of the largest parishes in the Brisbane diocese. Five years later, in 1976, he was appointed Senior Canon of St Michael's Cathedral, Wollongong and, in 1982, became Bishop of Wollongong and Camden.

In over ten years as Bishop, Harry Goodhew endeared himself to the people of this region. He was instrumental in founding the Employment Resources Centre at Unanderra, Evelyn House for homeless girls and Kadash House for drug abusers. He sent his ministers to management training programs in BHP and actively supported the establishment of Richard Johnson College, a residential college for university students.

In April this year, Harry Goodhew was installed as Archbishop of Sydney, Australia's oldest diocese. He was called to this high office in turbulent times for the church and it is certain that his leadership will display not only that deep concern for the human condition for which he is known but also what he himself has called the "academic edge". For, throughout his career, his Grace has pursued the study of his faith, its historical and social development and its promulgation.

In 1990, he graduated with a Master of Arts Honours degree in History from this University. In his thesis, entitled "The Role of the Leader", he tests his hypothesis that "effective church leadership involves energizing others" against the criteria of four Christian leadership models - the Servant, the Shepherd, the Steward and the Bishop.

Harry Goodhew's own leadership exemplifies the best of these models. He has shown himself to be a willing and wise Servant; a guiding Shepherd internationally recognised as an evangelist; a trusted Steward organising his resources for the good of society and a Bishop who offers a vision of a better life and helps others to achieve it. Supporting this achievement is a fifth model, that of the Scholar willing to learn from the past so as to anticipate the future. Pursuing still his quest for knowledge and understanding, Harry Goodhew is currently enrolled as a Doctor of Philosophy candidate at Macquarie University.

Chancellor, today we honour Harry Goodhew as leader in Australian society, a scholar who seeks the truth and an innovator who is not afraid to start things and see them through. It is not only as his Alma Mater, therefore, that the University of Wollongong can claim a kinship with one of its most distinguished graduates. Our mission is to combine the contemplative and essential pursuit of knowledge with the practical application of skills and technologies. We aspire to the Archbishop's achievement of leadership, his international status and his concern for improving society. We are proud to welcome him today as an eminent member of our university community.

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Richard Henry Goodhew for the award of Doctor of Letters honoris causa.