

It was with a great deal of sadness that I heard of the death of Bishop Joe. I first met him at a conference in England. When I met him again at World Youth Day, in Sydney, he remembered my name. More than that, he sought me out by inquiring from the young people, who I was with, my whereabouts. This was the mark of the man!

His love of the Lord and the Gospel gave him extraordinary insights into the work and the power of our amazing God. He will be sadly missed. I offer my prayers and condolences to his blood family, the family of the Diocese of Sandhurst and to the wider Church of Australia.

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