



**Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn**

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**DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS PATRICK CARROLL.**

Archbishop Francis Carroll, who served as Bishop of Wagga Wagga and Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn during almost 70 years of distinguished priestly service has died today in Wagga Wagga at the age of 93.

Born on 9 September 1930 in Ganmain, New South Wales, he was the second of seven children of Patrick and Rose Carroll.

He attended the local Ganmain School before transferring to Sydney and completed his secondary education with the De La Salle Brothers in Marrickville. His seminary studies were conducted at St Columba's Seminary, Springwood and St Patrick's Seminary, Manly. He was ordained a priest at Ganmain by Bishop Francis Augustine Henschke, Bishop of Wagga Wagga.

He has always been regarded as profoundly pastoral and humble in his long service to the Church.

Frank Carroll succeeded Bishop Henschke as bishop of Wagga Wagga in 1968. In 1983, he was appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn until 2006. He was President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference from 2000 to 2006. In 2006, he retired and returned to Wagga Wagga.

In recent times, Archbishop Carroll has suffered from indifferent health and has been resident at Loreto Home of Compassion in Wagga Wagga.

“Archbishop Francis always retained the personal charm of his rural family background. So many loved him as a Catholic leader of immense stature. Simply called Father Francis by friends and parishioners over the years, he was always approachable. His humble and prayerful manner will be remembered by so many”, said Archbishop Christopher Prowse of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Details of Archbishop Carroll's funeral have still to be finalised.

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