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MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

I offer my warmest congratulations to the parish of St. Michael's, Hurstville, as you celebrate your 110th anniversary this year.

From humble beginnings in a church building which doubled as a school run by the Sisters of Charity, the parish grew to the present church, opened on 16 May 1909. Though there have been alterations since then, the building remains the same, and I've no doubt the same is true of your parish spirit.

Anniversaries are often times for reflection. To look back on the milestone events and on the quiet beats of every day gives a new perspective on the past and renews our fervour for the future. During the last hundred years the people of this parish have no doubt braved new challenges, and overcome adversity, but it is my hope that you have also experienced unimaginable joys, and through this journey you have found alongside you many friends with whom you have shared so much, and who celebrate with you today.

So I join with the parishioners of St. Michael's in thanking God for the many blessings and graces He has bestowed on this community, and which this community has bestowed on Australia. As the parish celebrates its 110th anniversary celebrations, we give thanks to those who have contributed so much to the growth and spirit of its members, and draw on their inspiration for the future, and the years ahead.

Happy birthday St. Michael's parish!

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