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CONGRATULATIONS ON ELECTION OF NEW POPE

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The Archbishop of Perth, Peter Carnley, the Anglican Co-Chair of The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), congratulated Cardinal Ratzinger on his election as Pope.

“The presence of such a distinguished theologian will help sharpen the dialogue between Anglicans and the Roman Catholic Church,” he said. “We certainly hope that the ecumenical progress achieved over the last quarter century may be further developed and brought to fruition with the help of the new Pope’s incisive mind,” the Archbishop said.

“Meanwhile, we all rejoice with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters that the conclave came to such a speedy decision and we pray earnestly for Cardinal Ratzinger as he prepares for his important new work.”

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