



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

CURRICULUM VITAE

MOST REVEREND JOHN GERRY DD

RETIRED AUXILIARY BISHOP

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- Born: 1st June 1927
- 1942 – 1946: Piux XII Seminary, Banyo, Brisbane – **studies** for the priesthood
- 1946 – 1951: College of the Propagation of the Faith, Rome – **studies** for the priesthood
- 21 December, 1950: **Ordination** to the priesthood
- 1951 – 1975: **Parish work in the Archdiocese of Brisbane –**
 Coolangatta / Burleigh Heads, Assistant Priest (1951 -1955)
 Cathedral , Assistant Priest (1956 – 1961)
 Stafford, Parish Priest (1962 – 1974)
 Herston, Parish Priest (1975)
- 1974: **Appointed Vicar for Social Welfare** with a commission from Archbishop Francis Rush 'to be in contact with and available to all institutions and agencies in the Archdiocese associated with welfare'
 Now known as Centacare, by 2000 the agency had grown to cover significant support for people with disabilities, aged care respite services, employment services, counselling services, support for seamen and indigenous, as well as chaplaincy services in hospitals, prisons and for those suffering psychiatric illnesses.
- 29 July, 1975: **Consecrated Bishop**

- 1975 – 2003: **Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane**
- As Auxiliary Bishop I continued as Vicar for Social Welfare, overseeing the growing social welfare arm of the Archdiocese. I remained in this position until 2000 when Archbishop Bathersby replaced all the vicars with one Moderator of the Curia.
- 1976 – 1988: **Chairman of Australian Catholic Relief**, the Australian Catholic Church's international relief agency (now called Caritas Australia).
- 1976 – 2000: **Bishops' Committee for Social Welfare** – Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference
- 2001 - 2002: **Bishops' Committee for Health** – Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference
- 2003 **Retired**