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Edward Clancy (cardinal)

Edward Bede Clancy AC (13 December 1923 – 3 August 2014) was an Australian Catholic bishop and cardinal. He was the seventh Catholic Archbishop of Sydney from 1983 to 2001. He was made Cardinal-Priest of Santa Maria in Vallicella in 1988.

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Early life and ordination

Clancy was born in Lithgow, New South Wales, on 13 December 1923. He said that he wanted to be a priest from an early age and pretended to celebrate his first Mass while still a child, to the amusement of his brother and sisters. After completing his studies at Marist Brothers College, Parramatta, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1949, on the same day as the future Australian cardinal Edward Cassidy.

Priest and bishop

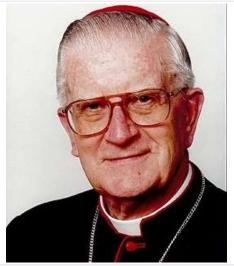
In 1953 Clancy earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). [1] Clancy continued his education, eventually earning his doctorate in theology in 1965. He then started as a teacher and later accepting the position of chaplain at the University of Sydney. He also served as the official spokesperson for the archdiocese at this time and became very well known on that basis.

On 19 January 1974, Clancy was consecrated titular Bishop of Árd Carna and <u>Auxiliary Bishop</u> of Sydney.

His Eminence **Edward Clancy**

AC

Cardinal-Archbishop Emeritus of Sydney



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Archdiocese	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Province	Sydney
See	Sydney
Appointed	12 April 1983
Installed	27 April 1983
Term ended	26 March 2001
Predecessor	James Darcy Freeman
Successor	George Pell
Other post(s)	Cardinal-Priest of Santa Maria in Vallicella
Orders	
Ordination	23 July 1949 by <u>Norman Thomas</u> Gilroy

Consecration 19 January 1974

Archbishop and cardinal

On 24 November 1978, he was appointed Archbishop of Canberra (and Goulburn). In the little over four years that he was Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Clancy was respected by the people of Canberra Goulburn as a very friendly and approachable archbishop who was also very supportive of his people and his priests. He had a great rapport with young people in the archdiocese.

On 12 February 1983 he was appointed Archbishop of Sydney and on 28 June 1988 he was elevated to <u>Cardinal-Priest</u> of <u>Santa Maria in Vallicella</u>. He also continued his education career throughout this time, becoming the chancellor of the <u>Australian Catholic University in 1992</u>.

Major work on St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney took place under his episcopacy. In 1999 a substantial new pipe organ was built by Orgues Létourneau Ltée of Montreal, Québec. In the year 2000 the spires of the cathedral were finally completed.

During his term as archbishop the neo-Gothic diocesan <u>seminary</u> of <u>St Patrick's</u> at Manly (founded by Cardinal <u>Patrick Moran</u> in 1889) was closed and the heritage listed building leased to an international hospitality school. [4] A new seminary, the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, was opened in the inner-western Sydney suburb of Homebush. [5]

Clancy was a fellow of Warrane College, University of New South Wales.

Abuse scandal

His tenure was not without controversy because of allegations surrounding the abuse scandal within his diocese.

Retirement and death

Clancy retired as Archbishop of Sydney in 2001 and was succeeded by Archbishop George Pell. In the period from 21 October 2003 (when Pell was made cardinal) until Clancy's own 80th birthday on 13 December 2003, there were three Australian cardinal electors (had a papal conclave become necessary); Clancy, Pell and Edward Cassidy.

Clancy's health began to decline after his retirement and he died on 3 August 2014, aged 90, at the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home in the Sydney suburb of Randwick. [6][7]

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	by <u>James Darcy</u>	
	Freeman	
Created	28 June 1988	
cardinal	by <u>Pope John Paul</u>	
	<u>II</u>	
Personal details		
Birth name	Edward Bede Clancy	
Born	13 December 1923	
	Lithgow, New	
	South Wales, Australia	
Died	3 August 2014 (aged 90)	
	Randwick, New	
	South Wales,	
	Australia	
Nationality	Australian	
	Roman Catholic	
Previous		
post(s)	Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney (1973–	
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	Titular Bishop of	
	Ard Carna (1973–	
	1978)	
	Archbishop of	
	Canberra-Goulburn	
	(1978–1983)	
	President of the	
	Australian	
	Episcopal	
	Conference (1986–	
	2000)	
Motto	Fides mundum	
	vincit ("Faith	
	conquers the	
	world")	
Coat of arms		

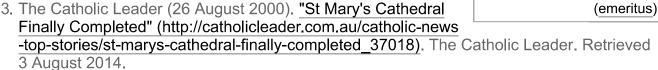
Styles of **Edward Clancy**

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- Cardinal Clancy bio on the Sydney Archdiocesan website (https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about/history/Clancy.shtml)

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