



*Speaking the truth in love*  
Eph 4:15

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Dear friends,

On this occasion of Warrane College's Golden Anniversary, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the staff, student residents, alumni, and supporters of the College who have contributed to Warrane's immense work at the service of the Church, UNSW and the wider community these past fifty years.

In the 1950s, my predecessor Cardinal Gilroy made a number of trips to Spain and Italy and was captivated by Opus Dei's network of colleges that offered a unique structure of spiritual formation. He admired St Josemaria Escriva's emphasis on the sanctification of study and work in the modern lay setting, as is so distinctive of Opus Dei's charism, and observing how well new colleges flourished in the US and Ireland, he encouraged members of Opus Dei to come out to Australia and set up a new college. On June 13 1971 NSW Governor Sir Roden Cutler officially opened Warrane College.

Since its opening, Warrane has welcomed over 5,000 residents from all over the country and beyond and helped deliver to generations of young men a solid Christian formation, generating a remarkable number of conversions and priestly vocations. Among that number of alumni who are now serving as priests in Sydney is one of my auxiliary bishops, Richard Umbers.

As you celebrate this occasion, I encourage you to take up with renewed fervour St Josemaria's exhortation to be fishers of men for Christ in the contemporary world through your study and your professional work, to "put out into the deep"; "*Duc in Altum*" (Lk 5:4). God bless you and yours.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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