

## Vale to Bishop Phillip Keith Newell



The Ecumenical Order of St Francis mourns the passing of Bishop Newell on 24 April 2022, being the tenth Anglican Bishop of Tasmania from 1982-2000.

He was born on 30 January 1930 and educated at the University of Melbourne.

After working as a mathematics teacher and tutor in physics, from 1958 Bishop Newell studied for ordination at Trinity College Theological School, Melbourne, winning the Henty Theological Studentship. He became a priest in 1960. He was successively curate of St James', King Street, Sydney, rector of Christ Church, St Lucia, Brisbane, a canon residentiary of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane and finally (before being elected to the episcopate) Archdeacon of Lilley. He was consecrated as Bishop on 24 August 1982.

We owe a depth of gratitude to this wonderful man who was instrumental in nurturing a newly formed Tasmanian Community of Ecumenical Franciscans. He went beyond the call to ensure we were supported and appropriately formatted in our religious life. Bishop Phillip became our Protector in 1992 and remained in that role until his retirement in 2000.

His help and guidance were always appreciated. Being a regular visitor to our Community, joining in our liturgies of the hour and celebrating the Holy Eucharist for us. He facilitated many of our yearly retreats and received our vows at St David's Cathedral. Our annual Fraternity Convocations were often frequented by His Lordship. He will always be remembered in our hearts for his generosity, kindly disposition and spiritual wisdom. His ecumenical spirit engaged us all on our journey.

May God reward him for his presence in our life.  
Rest in Peace dear friend.