



## DECREE AND ACT OF ADOPTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN MEDAL

THIS DECREE and ACT is made this 19<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2017 by the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney.

WHEREAS:

I have decided:

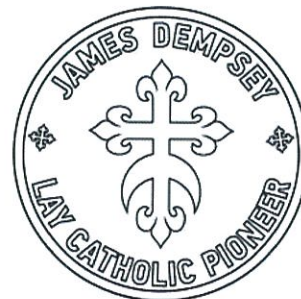
- to create an Archdiocesan medal,
- that the medal will be awarded to members of the Catholic laity and others in accordance with guidelines and criteria to be established by me and by my successors as Archbishop of Sydney from time to time, and
- to adopt and establish the design of the medal.

NOW BY THIS DECREE, ACT and DEED I, the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, in pursuance of my ordinary powers as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney determine as follows:

- (1) I create an Archdiocesan medal known as the DEMPSEY MEDAL, named in honour of the early Australian lay Catholic pioneer, James Dempsey (Ireland 1768 – Sydney 1838), to be given by me and by successive Archbishops of Sydney in recognition of services to the Archdiocese of Sydney,
- (2) I declare that the Medal will be awarded to members of the Catholic laity and others in accordance with guidelines and criteria to be established by me and by my successors as Archbishop of Sydney from time to time, and
- (3) I declare that:
  - a. the insignia of a holder of the Dempsey Medal is a nickel plated brass medal 38mm in diameter and 2.5mm in thickness bearing on the obverse the arms of the Archdiocese of Sydney surrounded by the words FOR SERVICE and ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY and on the reverse the Latin cross flory and the crescent reversed charges from the arms of the Basilica of St Mary Help of Christians surrounded by the words JAMES DEMPSEY and LAY CATHOLIC PIONEER, a representation of which is depicted on this Act.



Archdiocese of Sydney  
Service Medallion (obverse)



Archdiocese of Sydney  
Service Medallion (Reverse)

- b. the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a bar attached to a ribbon 38mm wide of white moiré with a central blue band 12 millimetres wide.
- c. the lapel badge of a holder of the Dempsey Medal is of nickel plated brass bearing the arms of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the words FOR SERVICE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney has executed this Decree and Act as a Deed at Sydney on the date aforesaid in the presence of:

Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP  
Archbishop of Sydney

Notary