



## OFFICIAL OPENING

**14 October 2011**

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF DOMUS AUSTRALIA IN ROME – LIVE WEBCAST COVERAGE ON XT3.COM**

Pope Benedict XVI will officially open the new Australian pilgrim centre Domus Australia on Wednesday 19 October in Rome.

This is Australia's first religious and cultural pilgrim centre in Rome and guests from Australia will join those from Rome in welcoming the Holy Father.

Cardinal George Pell will greet Pope Benedict and escort him to the centre's beautifully restored St Peter Chanel chapel while the St Mary's Cathedral Choir, which has travelled to Rome for the event, sings the first hymn.

The Holy Father will address the gathering before giving his Papal blessing.

Guests will include Australia's first resident Ambassador to the Holy See, Tim Fischer as well as Cardinals and Senior Clergy of the Vatican, the Australian bishops attending the *ad limina* in Rome, Australian religious and clergy living, working or studying in Rome.

The official opening will take place at 5.30pm Wednesday 19 October Rome time or 2.30am Thursday 20 October AEST. The opening will be streamed live on xt3 on the following link [www.xt3.com/domus](http://www.xt3.com/domus).

As this time will be in the early hours of the morning in Australia the webcast will be available on demand from later in the morning.

For a promo clip of the webcast please click on to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk-IEUcaNJE>.

Please feel free to use this information on your website and to pass on to your parishes.

For any further details I am available in Rome on +39 06 48 88 781 or my regular email [Katrina.lee@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Katrina.lee@sydneycatholic.org).

I will also be arranging photographs of the opening and will send these to you after the event.

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