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VISIT BY THE POPE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, said tonight that he was delighted that the Pope would be visiting Australia.

It would be an historic occasion for Australia and for the Catholic Church. It would be the first time the Pope had travelled so far from the Holy City.

Mr. Gorton said he felt sure the visit would be warmly welcomed, not only by the large Roman Catholic community, but by all Australians.

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