



PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON PJ KEATING MP

ARCHBISHOP JAMES CARROLL

Archbishop James Carroll, a prince of the Catholic Church, was by every instinct and inclination a kindred member of the working community of Australia and who by his grace, charm and humility was a very special Australian and a very priestly man.

He served the Catholic Church with distinction and materially progressed its interests in education, being always influential in the direction and delivery of government aid to the Catholic school system.

He was always a believer in a moderate Labor Party, a party in touch with the aspirations of working Australians and one able to advance their interests.

He was deeply committed to the poor, the low paid, to the families living perpetually with the tyranny of debt. He saw government support for them as central to their well being.

Those who knew him well will miss him as a person and as a priest whose values and priestly qualities made him a paragon of the church to which he devoted his life.

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