

From Down Under: a view of the Pell appointment

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Noel Debien, with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Religion and Ethics Report, on the appointment of Cardinal George Pell to head up the newly created Secretariat for the Economy at the Vatican.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-02-25/pell-inherits-power-and-challenges-in-new-vatican-role/5283628>

Writes Debien:

The appointment of 72-year-old Cardinal Pell to oversee and overhaul church finances may yet prove a master-stroke in Pope Francis's program of church reform.

Cardinal Pell is a doctrinal conservative. But he is tough. He is determined. His clear-minded take-no-prisoners approach may be just what is needed in dealing with the Byzantine bureaucracy of a huge international church. Out with the old, in with the new. Reform is under way.

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