

# Opening of Law Year Church Service

## St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton

### Friday 12 July 2002, 9.00am

#### Chief Justice's observations

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It is always a privilege to be present with you, fellow practitioners. It is particularly so in a situation like this, where we publicly proclaim our joint commitment to the public interest, and for us especially, in the context of Christian spirituality and morality.

Some taunts aside, we cannot, I believe, overstate the public significance of our being seen as prepared to make this annual commitment. It undoubtedly enhances public confidence, and public acceptance, of our claimed commitment to truth and common decency: both claimed, and more to the point, I believe, genuine.

My own confidence in you, ladies and gentlemen, is but a miniscule reflection of our dependence, evident through this presence today, upon a force inestimably abundant, and I believe inspiring and underpinning all of our personal commitments. Those personal commitments are well intentioned, but ultimately vulnerable absent spiritual underpinning.

I greatly respect and admire your being here: the people should be greatly heartened by the true profession it so plainly implies.