

Fr Robert Cross – Director of Heritage – Diocese of Geraldton

Fr Robert Cross was born and brought up in the Cathedral Parish and has been immersed in the heritage of Hawes from his earliest days.

After training to be a priest he did further studies in anthropology and archaeology at the University of WA, obtaining an honours degree in archaeology in 1995. In 2007/8 he completed a Master's degree in ecclesiastical cultural heritage at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Since 1978, Fr Cross has worked in parish ministry, university chaplaincy, seminary formation and church administration as well as undertaking a number of ecclesiastical archaeological projects including St Mary's Cathedral in Perth. He has archaeologically exhumed and later reinterred eight former bishops and archbishops of Perth and Geraldton.

In recent time he has project managed for the Diocese of Geraldton the Geraldton Cathedral Precinct Project and currently works as the Director of Heritage and Chancellor for the Diocese. As Director of Heritage he oversees the conservation, management and valorising of the heritage of the Diocese of Geraldton with the help of many people who are passionate about the heritage of John Cyril Hawes.