



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

A Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



Dear Friends,

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

Welcome! May I firstly say, how deeply grateful I am for your contributions and participation in your parish community.

Since November 2019, when the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework was rolled out across Archdiocesan parishes, volunteer compliance has become a cornerstone of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's commitment to ensure the safety of our children and young people. This commitment forms the bedrock of our safeguarding culture. As communities of faith, our efforts are deeply rooted in our shared Baptismal call to care for all of God's children, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

Just as Jesus gathered his Disciples in mission to evangelise the Good News reached into the world, our parishes also depend on volunteers to foster vibrant local communities of grace. The contributions of our employees, and the generous dedication of time and talents from our volunteers are not merely valued; they are cherished. Your willingness to give and engage is what enables your community to flourish.

Your Parish places the utmost priority on the care, safety, and wellbeing of everyone, viewing it as a key responsibility in its mission. The Parish is resolute in complying with both Government and Archdiocesan requirements to safeguard our children and young people. Moreover, it is committed to upholding the moral and ethical teachings of the Catholic faith, ensuring that the protection and nurturing of children is one of the highest priorities in all our endeavours. Let us continue in these noble efforts, advancing with purpose, and wholehearted dedication, as beacons of Christ's light in the world.

The Safeguarding Unit will continue to support the implementation and deepening understanding of safeguarding measures.

Please be assured of my profound gratitude and prayers for all that you do. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you each day.

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The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.