

# ACSL Safeguarding Commitment Statement

***At Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL) our work is to ensure a safe Church for everyone. We take our responsibilities for supporting Church entities and managing complaints and reviews seriously. We act independently of any Church Authority to ensure principles of procedural fairness apply to our work.***

## ***We are committed to:***

- Zero tolerance of abuse of children and adults.
- Fostering a culture of safety across Catholic entities.
- Implementing and modelling the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards as they apply to our organisation.
- Upholding the dignity of all people to establish safe and supportive relationships.
- Maintaining and managing policies and procedures that build a strong culture of safeguarding.
- Supporting anyone who brings forward a suspicion, concern, knowledge, or allegation of current or past abuse.
- Responding appropriately to any matters related to abuse.

## ***ACSL has documented policies and procedures to promote a strong culture of safeguarding.***

- All ACSL Board, staff, contractors and volunteers are expected to follow these policies and procedures and contribute to the culture of care and protection within the Church.
- Our Board, staff, contractors and volunteers hold current Working with Children Checks or equivalent.
- Anyone who brings forward a complaint against a Church Authority or a request for a review, will be responded to sensitively, respectfully, and in a timely way.
- We listen to the voices of children and adults at risk.
- We remain vigilant to emerging risks and opportunities for us to continuously improve our practice.