

Declarations of applicant:

I declare that

- I have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) or equivalent clearance for each State or Territory in which I regularly minister.
- I am aware that I may also be required to undergo a similar check in any State or Territory which I am visiting/transferring to, prior to being able to minister in that State or Territory.
- I am in good standing and would not pose a risk to the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children or adults.
- I make this declaration having given careful consideration of all relevant matters, including but not limited to those outlined here. I affirm that:
 1. I have never been canonically suspended or disciplined in relation to abuse as defined in the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards*;
 2. I have no knowledge of a notification to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith pursuant to Canon 1395 in relation to myself. Furthermore, none of my actions would give occasion for such a notification;
 3. I have no relevant³ criminal convictions (in Australia or overseas);
 4. I am not, nor have I been, charged with a relevant³ criminal offence (in Australia or overseas);
 5. I am not, nor have I been, the subject of an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) or equivalent;
 6. I am not the subject of a current allegation nor do I have a substantiated finding against me relating to abusive conduct of any kind, whether related to child abuse or otherwise, resulting from a formal investigative process;
 7. I am not the subject of a current allegation nor do I have a sustained finding against me relating to a workplace investigation conducted by organisations, employers, institutions or professional bodies that relate to the sexual misconduct, physical assault, ill-treatment, neglect or psychological harm of any person (child or adult).

² Including the definitions of both child and adult abuse as found [here](#).

³ A charge or conviction is relevant if it relates to abuse ² or may suggest that there is a risk to children and/or adults at risk.

Statement of Church Authority:

I state that:

- I have verified the identity of the applicant.
- The applicant belongs to the diocese/religious institute of which I am the Church Authority or delegate thereof.
- I have sighted the Working With Children Check(s) or equivalent clearance held by the applicant for each State and Territory in which they regularly minister. These details of are included in their statement.
- I am aware that the applicant may also be required to undergo a similar check in any State or Territory which they are visiting/transferring to prior to them being able to minister in that State or Territory.
- To the best of my knowledge the applicant is in good standing and would not pose a risk to the safety, welfare or wellbeing of children or adults.
- I make this judgment about the applicant having given careful consideration to all relevant matters, including but not limited to those outlined here. I have also made all reasonable enquiries and affirm that:
 1. the applicant has never been canonically suspended or disciplined in relation to abuse as defined in the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards²;
 2. the applicant has not been delated to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith pursuant to Canon 1395. Furthermore, none of the applicant's actions would give occasion for such a notification;
 3. the applicant has no relevant³ criminal convictions (in Australia or overseas);
 4. the applicant is not, nor has been, charged with a relevant³ criminal offence (in Australia or overseas);
 5. the applicant is not, nor has been, the subject of an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) or equivalent;
 6. the applicant is not the subject of a current allegation nor has a substantiated finding against him/her relating to abusive conduct of any kind, whether related to child abuse or otherwise, resulting from a formal investigative process.
 7. the applicant is not the subject of a current allegation nor has a sustained finding against him/her relating to a workplace investigation conducted by organisations, employers, institutions or professional bodies that relate to the sexual misconduct, physical assault, ill- treatment, neglect or psychological harm of any person (child or adult).

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