



Tikanga Haumaru Safeguarding

Update

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Have you checked the Auckland Catholic Website and Portal lately?

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To date I have been in contact with most of you to touch base and keep the lines of communication open during this challenging time. I have heard that many of your parishes have been affected by the current outbreak and how hard everyone is working to keep their parishioners physically safe at the moment.

I am aware also that keeping the Safeguarding momentum up in this current environment has its challenges, however I encourage everyone to continue to keep Safeguarding as part of your parish business as usual, so that when our volunteers do return to their ministries we are confident that they are aware of how to keep themselves and those they work along side safe. I encourage you all to have a look at the Auckland Catholic website Safeguarding page for resources. Most parish websites have a link to the page. I update the page regularly, let me know if you have any ideas for resources and I will look at developing them.

The Royal Commission Abuse in care Maori Public hearing begins next week. The link is here should you wish to follow it.

<https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/our-inquiries/maori-experience-of-abuse-in-care/maori-public-hearing>

This Friday is a day when we particularly hold the victims of sexual abuse in the Church in our prayers. Let us pray that they know the healing and peace that only the Lord can bring. Let us remember that we should be advocates for justice for them and be men and women of integrity in our care of children and vulnerable adults entrusted to our care.

It has been almost three years since the Safeguarding program began in earnest. This year the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) have designed a new Safeguarding workshop. If volunteers within your parish require a training workshop, please let me know and we can book a day and time. I will be using the new format from now on. In the future, there will also be some online 'Hot Topics' that will be complimenting the training and will be useful as updates etc. I am happy to do workshops online or face to face. See photo below of the recent online training with Couples for Christ.



Safeguarding reviews

We have now completed 36 safeguarding reviews. During the present Omicron outbreak, and being mindful of the difficulties faced by parishes, we have paused the majority of the remaining reviews until after Easter when we will reassess.

For those parishes who have completed their review we would like to thank you all for your commitment to the process. Special thanks also to those parishes who have sent or discussed with me their Safeguarding plan update. This is an integral part of the review program, seeking solutions for the opportunities that exist in keeping our people safe.

The photo shows Corenna from St Francis de Sales and All Souls Parish, Devonport. It shows how they have responded to Safeguarding in their parish. Moving their altar servers changing area from the sacristy to a visible place at the back of the church, thereby separating the priest from the servers. Well done Devonport!



Quick Safeguarding quiz if you are not sure, look it up :)

1. Who does Safeguarding protect?
2. What Safeguarding documents do you know exist to support and promote a Safeguarding culture in our diocese?
3. How many Safeguarding Standards are there? Do you know their titles?
4. What three Safeguarding processes are volunteers required to complete?
5. What are the SEVEN Core Safeguarding practices?
6. What is the name of the National body that oversees Safeguarding in New Zealand?
7. Who is the Catholic Diocese of Auckland complaints person?
8. What is the name of the paper that supports both victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse?

If you would like the answers email me and I will send them to you :).

A Prayer for Hope

Lord, help me to hear you saying, "I am your hope"
over all the other voices. I'm running to you with both
hands stretched out and grabbing on to you.
Fill me up with hope and give me a tangible reminder
today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

