



# Tikanga Haumaru Safe Church

## BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL

### A MESSAGE FROM ME TO YOU

Who can believe it, we have got through 2022. A little bruised and broken, but on the whole we have made it through in one piece.

I know that parishes have now moved into the season of Advent and preparations for the Christmas Season will be well on the way.

Many often say to me "how do you cope, facing the most confronting information and stories, day in and day out?" Like I say at our Safeguarding workshops, as a Catholic I am a person of hope. That is why I love Christmas so much, not just because of the presents, the yummy food and the wonderful time spent with whanau and friends. But because it fills my cup with Hope. The Christmas story is brimming with Hope, it is a story we never get tired of.

My wish for you all, is that you all fill your cup with Hope and continue the amazing work you do to keep everyone safe in your parishes. Nga mihi nui Lisa-May



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# BUILDING A SAFEGUARDING CULTURE IN 2022

## POLICE VETTING

In 2022

- 423 police vetting applications processed
- 417 returned 'nil disclosure'
- 6 returned with a conviction.
- 1 conviction was of serious nature

## PARISH REVIEWS

Completed 58 Parish and 1 Ethnic chaplaincy reviews

- Development 45
- Growth 9
- Maturity 4

## REVIEW THEMES

- Develop a Safeguarding plan
- Use Safe Recruitment policy and Photography, video, digital safe practice policies
- Share the Safeguarding message with use of resources available
- Monitor Safeguarding practices of ministry volunteers

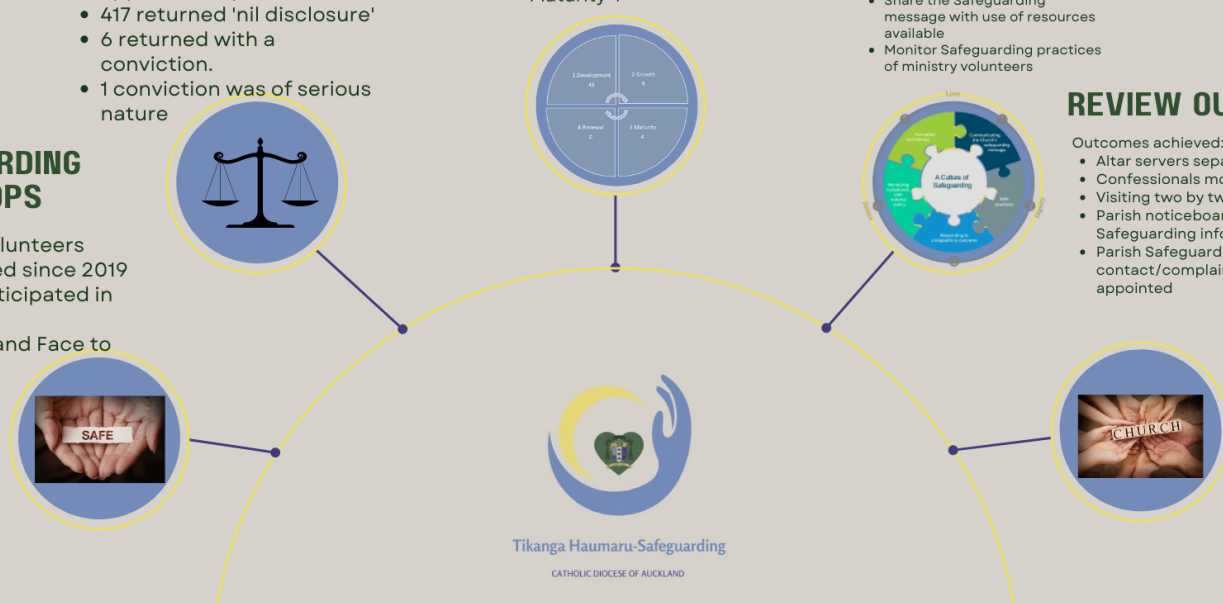
## REVIEW OUTCOMES

Outcomes achieved:

- Altar servers separate from priests
- Confessionals more visible
- Visiting two by two
- Parish noticeboards have updated Safeguarding information
- Parish Safeguarding contact/complaints officers appointed

## SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

- 2559 volunteers attended since 2019
- 379 participated in 2022
- Online and Face to Face



## Safeguarding in 2023

As I look forward to 2023 I am beginning to plan the work I will be doing. In the latter part of 2022 with the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions I have focused on reengaging with parishes, completing reviews and facilitating many workshops.

My approach for 2023 will be to use a collaborative approach in providing **Safeguarding workshops**. This past year I have facilitated parish specific workshops which has worked well, however when numbers are low, not only is it not effective use of time, participants miss out on the wealth of knowledge from others. Please let me know your thoughts and how you would like your Parish Safeguarding Workshop run. For example:

- Would you like to join up with a neighboring parish?
- Would you like your parish to be part of a deanery wide workshop at a venue that can be accessed by all?
- Is there a particular ethnic group in your parish where we could adapt the workshop to be fit for purpose?

Please talk with your Parish Priest and in the New Year we can meet and discuss what suits your parish needs,

**Volunteer agreements** are also something I would like to focus on in 2023. These agreements are very good in providing boundaries and keeping our volunteers safe. Along with training, signing the code of conduct and police vetting they further strengthen the Safeguarding program throughout parishes and entities.

**Police vetting** continues to be a challenge for some parishes. Now that we are into our 4th year implementing the Safeguarding program Police vetting continues to be a vital component. Could I ask that everyone review their Safeguarding spreadsheet and delete those people who are no longer in ministry. Once you have completed that, please follow up with those volunteers either due for renewal and those who have yet to be vetted. Bishop Steve is clear in his expectations, Volunteers who do not have a current police vet can no longer serve in ministry. We cannot wait around for a 'what if' situation to occur. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the current Safeguarding Spreadsheet for your parish. Let us make this a GOAL for 2023, and join the 4 parishes in the Diocese who have a 100% Police vetting record.

The long awaited **Safeguarding Induction video** has been completed. I sent out the link in early November, this is just a gentle reminder that the purpose of this video is to give volunteers an opportunity to understand the Safeguarding processes prior to their attendance at a workshop. I have provided the link again for you below.

[Safeguarding Induction Video - National Office for Professional Standards\(catholic.org.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz/)

**Last but not least**, I would like to congratulate two parishes for moving through the Safeguarding lifecycle from **Development** to **Growth**. Both St Annes Manurewa and Ss Francis and Therese in Pt Chevalier have done some great work, by implementing changes from the recommendations of their review and sharing the Safeguarding message throughout their parishes. Below is a link to both their weekly bulletins for you to see what they publish each week. Well done to both parishes.

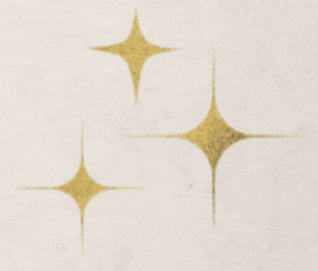
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Give this simple but fun word scramble a go. L-M

## Safeguarding WORD SCRAMBLE



Children

Healing

Jesus

Vulnerable

Trust

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lirne cdh

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Messiah

Protection

Hope

Safeguarding

Love