

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

TIKANGA HAUMARU

SAFEGUARDING PANUI

AUGUST, 2023



I hope this finds everyone well. We all have had our share of wet, windy and cold weather throughout the diocese and I am sure you are all, like myself, looking forward to some respite in the coming months.

However, whilst we may complain about the weather, we should pause and consider the forthcoming release of the Royal Commission of Inquiry's case study into the Brothers of St John of God, Marylands, Christchurch. Knowing the storm of emotions that will be stirred within those victims who have been abused. The prayer below is powerful, one that we can use at all times but most especially now during these challenging times.

Prayer for those who have suffered abuse

E te Atua o te Tūmanako, God of Hope.

Listen to the prayers of your people, over harm done to those who should have been safe in care. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, show us the way to healing and wholeness.

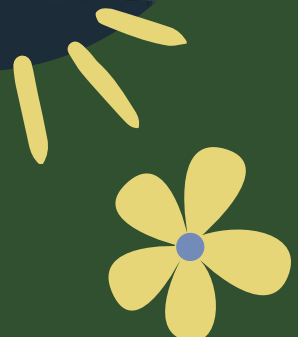
E Hehu, ko te Heparā, Jesus, the shepherd.

Join to your own suffering the pain of all who experience suffering in body, mind, and spirit. May we continue along the path, of following your example.

E te Wairua Tapu, Holy Spirit.

Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and all may find peace in you. Strengthen us for the journey ahead, calling all of us into communion with you.

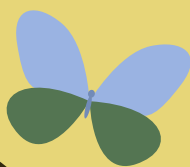
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MESSAGE FROM ARCH BISHOP PAUL MARTIN



Last week the TV program "Paddy Gower Has Issues" ran a story about the 'Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer', also known as the Transalpine Redemptorists that are based in the Christchurch Diocese.

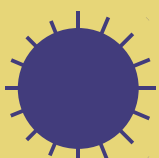
If you were like me and felt somewhat uncomfortable by the confronting information the story shared. Then you will be asking yourself many questions, especially around the fact that they stated nothing has been done regarding the complaints that have been lodged.

I was interested in finding out further, and asked the question, what approach had the diocese taken? Please see Arch Bishop Paul's message below.

"During my time as Bishop of Christchurch, I was made aware of issues regarding the culture of the 'Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer' and the religious community.

The diocese is managing the collective nature of these matters as per the processes available to the church, taking into account the sensitivities of some parties affected.

There have been situations where people have come forward with issues but have asked that these not be taken any further, however we can confirm that issues raised are being managed through avenues available to the church".



Arch Bishop Paul Martin

News from the Safeguarding Desk at Pompallier Diocesan Centre

Workshop Highlights

Over the past few months I have had the privilege of facilitating many workshops both online and face to face, for parishes, ethnic communities and apostolates. Below are some highlights from these workshops.



Auckland Catholic Charismatic renewal group ACCG

We all know how online workshops can be a challenge. However the ACCG managed to navigate their way through. Their presence added a sense of grace and prayer to the confronting content of the workshop. A powerful reminder that we are people of HOPE and PRAYER.



Eastern Bays Parishes

During the face to face workshop for the combined St Ignatius and Mother of Perpetual Help parishes, I was lucky enough to witness some well thought out responses. The theme of consistency came through strongly and with a good representation from the Sacramental program teachers and the PPC, it was obvious that everyone was going with the goal of 'walking the talk' in order to keep their parish community safe.

Auckland Catholic Filipino Community ACFC

With so many highlights to pick from I could not leave out the ACFC.

Following an amazing mass, the face to face workshop began with Kookie the ACFC secretary providing a light lunch for all participants and this definitely paid off!

The responses to the scenarios whilst serious in content, were fun and innovative with one group 'role playing' their scenario.

The impact of this will be far reaching for them as group, as they will remember the 7 safeguarding practices for years to come.

*Stay
Positive!*

HOPE

**SAFE SPACES
for EVERYONE**



Congratulations



Over the past few months I have been visiting parishes, keeping my ears and eyes open and gaining a better understanding how the Safeguarding program is going.

It is with pleasure that I have moved the following parishes from DEVELOPMENT TO GROWTH.

Can you find them in the word search? 12 of them are waiting to be found!

What needs to be done to get your parish to the next level?

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Also HUGE Congratulations to the Parish of St Annes Manurewa for reaching MATURITY.

Whilst the Safeguarding compliance processes are very important, in most cases they can be ticked off reasonably easily.

It is building the 'Culture of Safeguarding' that is the challenge.

Thank you everyone for accepting that challenge

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Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of the Safeguarding program.

I look forward to catching up in the next few months, as I get out and about visiting parishes.

Hopefully in Spring another Hikoi to Te Tai Tokerau will take place

Nga mihi nui.

Lisa-May