

Statement from the Redemptorist communities of Australia

Children are innocent, precious and deserving of absolute protection.

That any child has been abused is abhorrent and goes against everything the Redemptorist Communities of Australia stand for.

It is a matter of deep sadness and profound regret that children have been abused by a member of our religious Congregation.

Our communities acknowledge that the damaging effects of abuse are significant and often lifelong. To those who have suffered abuse we extend without reservation our apology for what has occurred.

At the same time, we admire your courage in coming forward and are committed to working with you in the pursuit of justice and healing for yourselves and all abused as children.

To our fellow Australians: we are sorry and join you in restoring hope for a better world.

With fellow Christians we strive to restore all things in Christ, acknowledging failure and seeking healing of those who are vulnerable and who have been abused.

- The Redemptorist communities of Australia.

We encourage victims of child sexual abuse to take the matter to the police. You may also contact the [Truth Justice and Healing Council](#) or the Catholic Church's "[Towards Healing](#)" Office in your state: 1300 369 977 (NSW/ACT); 0418 736 890 (NT); 1800 337 928 (Qld); 1800 139 020 (SA); 1800 356 613 (Tas); 1800 816 030 (Vic); 1800 072 390 (WA).