



## Promise Statement

As Catholic Religious of Australia, we are stirred by sorrow for the failings of the past. We encounter the depth of pain endured within our midst.

**WE promise** to listen to and support those who have been harmed by abuse

**WE promise** to act to prevent abuse, respond with compassion and justice and put the protection of children and the vulnerable at the heart of all our ministries

**WE promise** to support all those walking courageously with the abused and those working fearlessly for the prevention of abuse

**WE promise** to work tirelessly and humbly to build a culture in our Church which is loving and answerable to the wider community

**WE promise** to partner with those who have been abused, with governments, civil agencies and society at large to continue to learn and work towards a safer, more respectful and accountable Church

**WE promise** to be people of action, to embed prevention and safeguarding practices and governance reforms throughout our Church

**WE promise** to remember and to be forever changed

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