



27 September 2018

Dear Father,

Parish Self-assessment 2018

Firstly, thank you so much for completing the Parish Self-assessment for 2017, we hope you found the exercise informative and useful in understanding compliance and ensuring safeguarding strategies are operating appropriately in your parish.

Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) have developed 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (the Standards) based upon the 10 Child Safe Standards identified by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Standards are designed to ensure that safeguarding practices across the Catholic Church in Australia are consistent and appropriate. The Standards set out the approach, knowledge, practice and professional engagement needed to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable adults.

The 2018 Parish Self-assessment questions are aligned to the 10 Standards and also reflect the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policies and Protocols which are underpinned by the Safeguarding training programmes.

Please complete the 2018 Parish Self-assessment by following the steps outlined on pages 2 and 3 of the document. This year you are required to complete the Continuous Improvement (Action Plan) Attachment A. The Parish Self-assessment and completed Action Plan must be presented to your Parish Council for their review and then returned to Trish Larkin at trish.larkin@sydneycatholic.org or mailed to Safeguarding Office, Level 16 133 Liverpool St. Sydney NSW 2000 by 16 November 2018. Enquiries should be directed to Trish Larkin by the above email address or phone 93905813.

Completion of this Self-assessment and Continuous Improvement Action Plan is one way of evidencing your commitment and accountability to the Church and wider community for the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

With thanks for your commitment to this important safeguarding initiative

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen".

Karen Larkman

Director, Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office