

SAFEGUARDING STRUCTURE

Mixed Commission

Members: New Zealand Bishops Conference & Congregational Leaders Conference of Aotearoa New Zealand

Responsible for:

- National Safeguarding Guidelines
(Covers all dioceses, religious congregations and Catholic organisations)

National Safeguarding & Professional Standards Committee

Members: Appointed by Mixed Commission

Role: Policy development, oversees work of National Office for Professional Standards

Responsible for:

- A Path to Healing *(Church's protocol for responding to complaints of abuse by clergy or religious)*
- Development of National Safeguarding Policies
(policies designed to assist in the implementation of the National Safeguarding Guidelines)
- Development of National Safeguarding Culture Standards

Complaints Assessment Committee

Members: Appointed by New Zealand Bishops Conference

Role:

- Implement *A Path to Healing* in response to complaints of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct against clergy and religious *
- Make recommendations to Church Authority

National Office for Professional Standards

Members: National Director, Professional Standards Officers, Safeguarding Reviewers, Admin

Role:

- Coordinate response to complaints under A Path to Healing
- Facilitate compliance of Dioceses, Religious congregations and Catholic organisations with national safeguarding policies

Responsible for:

- Development of safeguarding procedures
(to assist in implementation of national safeguarding policies)
- Development of audit / review framework
- Development of safeguarding training framework

Church Authority (Bishop or Congregational Leader)

Role: Implement national safeguarding policies in all parishes, religious congregations and Catholic organisations within their jurisdiction

Responsible for:

- Supporting parishes, religious congregations and Catholic organisations to implement national safeguarding policies
- Implementing audit/review framework - to monitor implementation of national safeguarding policies
- Providing access to safeguarding training

Parishes, Religious Congregations, Catholic Agencies/Organisations

Responsible for:

- Appointing safeguarding representative
- Implementing procedures and practices to meet Safeguarding Culture Standards
- Reporting annually regarding implementation