



## Information Gathering Project (IGP) Information Sheet #2

As part of the process of its Information Gathering Project (IGP) and data requests from Aotearoa New Zealand's Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care (**Commission**), Te Rōpū Tautoko consolidated the information provided by Catholic entities into a *Fact Sheet* released on 1 February 2022 (**Information Sheet #1**).

As stated, the Commission had been provided this information and it is expected that they will be creating their own datasets and conclusions from it.

Te Rōpū Tautoko have now had the opportunity to do some further analysis on the data, especially related to breakdowns by entity responsible. Attribution of responsibility can sometimes be a judgement call, especially with historical reports.

Church entities and their agencies working in this area, such as the National Office for Professional Standards (**NOPS**), continue to receive information on reports of abuse and new reports. However, the same set of data used for Information Sheet #1 is used here. This data is current to 30 June 2021. Any information gained after 30 June 2021 or clarifications made subsequently, for the purposes of consistency, have not been incorporated. The process of collating information is ongoing.

As outlined in Information Sheet #1, the definition of abuse used in the IGP is that used by the Commission, and includes sexual, physical, and emotional or psychological abuse, and neglect. Failure to act on reports and facilitating abuse were also included in the categorisation of reports of abuse.

This Information Sheet #2 focuses on reports of abuse attributable to a named member of the diocesan clergy or religious congregation. The hope with this, and all releases of data is that we can all look behind what the statistics show and ask how and most importantly why abuse occurs. Efforts to eliminate abuse must be ongoing and be informed by analysis.

It is not possible in this Information Sheet to highlight the number of reports that are upheld, or otherwise, due to the nature of the reporting and the records held.

For example, it is known that people have been provided redress by church entities without the entity accepting the survivor's account. In these cases, the entities involved recognised that the person had been harmed in some way and needed support.

In other cases, the church entities processes did not uphold the claim made. However, in subsequent processes (including sometimes in criminal trials) the respondent admitted abuse, pleaded guilty, or was found guilty.

For the above reasons, the information sheets provided reflect the total number of reports of alleged abuse, whether substantiated by an external or internal investigation process or not. Reports of abuse include only those reports that church entities currently have records of.

In addition, we know that many individuals who have experienced harm have not approached a church entity to report or disclose abuse. We have heard from some of these survivors during various Commission hearings. Sometimes, individuals or organisations that those abused did report to have not provided this information to a church entity (e.g., the Police).

Therefore, the actual number of instances of abuse will be different to the documentary record. The results of the IGP give a snapshot of the extent of abuse – as reported to and held by the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand as at 30 June 2021.



## Respondents to reports in church entities

A total of **1680** reports relating to abuse in Aotearoa New Zealand are held by church entities as at 30 June 2021.

- Of the total number of reports of abuse, **1,296** are attributable to a named person. There are a total of **592** named respondents to a report or reports of abuse.
- The results of the IGP identify **42** different Church entities as having reports of abuse attributable to them. 117 reports of abuse are unattributable due to the nature of the material held in the records. In time, further work may be undertaken on these records to attribute them to the appropriate entity.
- There are **36** entities with **1542** reports of abuse and **1157** reports attributable to a named member of the diocesan clergy or religious congregation (**member**).
- **489** named respondents were members of dioceses or congregations at the time of the alleged abuse.<sup>1</sup>

## Type of Harm

As described in Information Sheet #1 the summary of reports of abuse by harm type is:

	Total	Child	Adult	Unknown
Sexual harm reported	1,019	835	133	51
Non-sexual harm reported	421	392	12	17
Harm type unclear	240			
	<b>1,680</b>			

Inquiries in other countries have focussed on different types of harm arising from abuse. Here in Aotearoa, the definition includes non-sexual harm reported relating to any reports of abuse. Non-sexual harm or other harm is reported when the individual making the report *does not* describe sexual abuse – this may include physical, emotional or psychological abuse, and/or neglect. Failure to act on reports and facilitating abuse were also included in the categorisation of reports of abuse. The categorisation is based on the account of the person making the report.

If focus is placed on harm attributed to church entities where clergy and religious are the respondents:

	Total	Child	Adult	Unknown
Sexual harm reported	776	619	119	38
Non-sexual harm reported	256	240	5	11
Harm type unclear	125			
	<b>1,157</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Some clergy and religious respondents serviced in multiple entities (e.g., a diocesan priest who joined a congregation). Some of these respondents face allegations while a member of both entities. In this case, they are counted separately to gain the total for an entity. This results in 501 named respondents if all entities are totalled.



## Entities

The following table details the reports held by the 6 dioceses and 12 congregations with allegations against 6 or more members.

Church Entity	Members 1950-2021	Total allegations attributable to entity	Number of allegations naming a respondent	Number of allegations naming respondents as non-members	Number of allegations naming respondents as members	Number of members who are respondents	Percentage of members who are respondents	Type of Harm - Members only						
								Abuse includes sexual harm against child	Abuse includes sexual harm against adult	Abuse includes sexual harm - victim age unknown	Other abuse <sup>2</sup> against child	Other abuse against adult	Other abuse - victim age unknown	Abuse Type unclear
Hospitaller Brothers of St John of God	42	269	232	13	219	22	52%	140	1	1	43	0	0	34
Sisters of Nazareth	86	155	86	26	60	29	34%	6	0	0	54	0	0	0
Diocese of Christchurch	179	72	71	9	62	34	19%	33	19	1	0	2	1	6
Diocese of Dunedin	141	41	41	2	39	26	18%	20	7	5	0	0	3	4
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd	114	70	39	4	35	20	18%	9	0	0	26	0	0	0
Institute of Charity (Rosminians)	36	22	21	2	19	6	17%	14	4	0	1	0	0	0
Archdiocese of Wellington	345	145	128	28	100	54	16%	64	14	4	3	1	1	13
Diocese of Hamilton	132	50	46	4	42	19	14%	13	12	6	2	0	2	7
Diocese of Auckland	378	124	112	2	110	52	14%	68	19	7	2	0	4	10
Marist Brothers	484	157	142	7	135	59	12%	94	3	0	18	1	0	19
Mill Hill Missionaries	50	8	8	0	8	6	12%	6	0	1	0	0	0	1
Diocese of Palmerston North	99	31	27	5	22	11	11%	8	6	3	0	1	0	4
Christian Brothers	138	39	34	2	32	11	8%	24	1	1	3	0	0	3
Society of Mary	781	118	112	4	108	43	6%	74	15	0	5	0	0	14
Redemptorist Fathers	179	15	15	3	12	8	4%	5	5	1	0	0	0	1
Nga Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand	1115	110	68	2	66	45	4%	10	0	0	55	0	0	1
Dominican Sisters	241	20	15	3	12	8	3%	1	1	0	9	0	0	1
Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions	565	20	9	0	9	7	1%	1	0	1	7	0	0	0

<sup>2</sup> Other abuse = Any reports of abuse where the individual making the report does not describe sexual abuse – including physical, emotional or psychological abuse, and neglect. Failure to act on reports and facilitating abuse were also included in the categorisation of reports of abuse. The categorisation is based on the person making the report's account.



## Other Entities

Congregations with five or fewer member respondents and/or reports of abuse attributable to them including non-members are:

Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionist Fathers) – *approximately 20 members in NZ [8 allegations naming individual respondents as members, 4 member respondents]*  
Society of Jesus (Jesuits) – *20 members [6 allegations, 4 member respondents]*  
Missionaries of Faith – *9 members [1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Order of Friars Minor (Capuchin) – *50 members [6 allegations, 5 member respondents]*  
Congregation of the Passion – *20 members [1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Order of Cistercians – *47 members [2 allegations, 2 member respondents]*  
Order of Friars Minor - *125 members [14 allegations, 5 member respondents]*  
Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De la Salle Brothers) – *148 members [5 allegations, 5 member respondents]*  
Missionary Society of St. Columban – *40 members [1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Order of Preachers (Dominican Friars) – *57 members [9 allegations, 1 member respondent]*  
Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Josephite Sisters) – *335 members [5 allegations, 5 member respondents]*  
Sisters of St Brigid – *82 members [1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny – *105 members [1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Marist Sisters – *157 members [1 allegations, 1 member respondent]*  
Little Sisters of the Poor – *209 members [1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*

These congregations have not been asked for data on members who have served in NZ.

Vincentian Congregation – *[1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Sacred Heart Fathers – *[1 allegation, 1 member respondent]*  
Priests of the St Patrick's Missionary Society – *[3 allegations, 1 member respondent]*

**6** entities (including 4 congregations) have reports of abuse attributable to them where all the respondents are not named or are lay people and not clergy or religious members of the entity.

**15** religious congregations who were part of the IGP recorded no reports of abuse made to them or attributable to them.

## Next steps

The Commission will analyse the data provided in 2021. Te Rōpū Tautoko will work collaboratively with the Commission as it requests clarifications and looks to present information publicly.

The data will inform the actions of Tautoko and church leaders concerning safeguarding and redress processes with survivors. Tautoko and church entities will continue to update the dataset as reports are made and refine the data as more information is provided.

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