

**CATHOLIC DIOCESES, BISHOPS, CONGREGATIONS, CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS
CONFIDENTIALITY WAIVER**

1. If you have signed a confidential settlement relating to an abuse claim with a Catholic Bishop, Diocese, Congregation, or Congregational leader who is listed in Appendix 1 of this document (**Catholic Entities**), or with any predecessors of such entities, these Catholic Entities agree to waive any relevant confidentiality obligation or any other clause that might stop free communication with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions (**Commission**).

What you can do:

2. This waiver means you will not breach a confidentiality obligation to one of these Catholic Entities if you provide your settlement agreement to the Commission, or discuss the details of that agreement with the Commission.
3. This waiver of confidentiality applies to sharing information about your settlement agreement *with the Commission*. If there are parties other than the Commission that you would like to share that information with, please contact the relevant Catholic Entity who is a party to the settlement directly for guidance.
4. Catholic Entities cannot waive any confidentiality obligations you may have under any other settlement agreement. If you have signed a confidential settlement agreement with another party not listed in Appendix 1, or have given confidentiality undertakings to others (for example, the court at a judicial settlement conference or to other parties at mediation), you may need to seek a waiver of your obligations from that party or from the Court before disclosing the relevant terms to the Commission.

What the Catholic Entities will do:

5. The Catholic Entities will not themselves disclose settlement agreements to the Commission, to ensure that confidentiality is only waived if you wish to do so.
6. A Catholic Entity may be obliged to disclose confidential information relating to settlements if requested by the Commission, even if you have not waived confidentiality. In this instance, the Catholic Entity will take reasonable steps to contact you in advance and advise the Commission if we are unable to contact you.
7. In providing evidence to the Commission or during Commission hearings, the Catholic Entities may refer to confidential settlements or the events covered by them generally, at an aggregated level, or at a Catholic Entity level. Where confidentiality is

not waived, any identifying information will be anonymized, and information that could reasonably identify an individual will not be discussed.

8. If you have any questions or concerns about disclosing a settlement agreement, Te Rōpū Tautoko staff would be happy to help you with these. Please contact Te Rōpū Tautoko via contact@tautoko.catholic.org.nz.

Appendix 1 – Catholic Entities who are party to this waiver

Bishops of dioceses:

- **Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington**
- **Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Auckland**
- **Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch**
- **Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Dunedin**
- **Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton**
- **Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North**

Religious congregations:

- **Capuchin Friars**
- **Cenacle Sisters**
- **Christian Brothers**
- **Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions**
- **Nga Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa (Sisters of Mercy)**
- **Daughters of our Lady of Compassion**
- **Dominican Sisters**
- **Little Company of Mary**
- **Sisters of the Good Shepherd**
- **Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart**
- **Rosminians**
- **Sisters of St Brigid**
- **Marist Sisters**
- **Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary**
- **Marist Brothers**
- **Society of Mary**
- **Assumptionists**
- **Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny**
- **Hospitaller Brothers of St John of God**
- **Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Society of the Sacred Heart**
- **Sister Disciples of the Divine Master**
- **Columban Mission**
- **Discalced Carmelite Nuns (Auckland & Christchurch)**
- **Divine Word Missionaries**
- **Sisters of Nazareth**
- **Dominican Friars**

- **De La Salle Brothers**
- **Salesians of Don Bosco**
- **Little Sisters of the Poor**
- **Sisters of the Holy Faith**
- **Redemptorists**
- **Missionaries of Faith**
- **Mill Hill Missionaries**