



DIOCESE *of* PARRAMATTA

06 July, 2016

Dear friends,

Re: Royal Commission Case Study 44 – Diocese of Parramatta

I am writing to inform you that the Diocese of Parramatta has been called to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse under Case Study 44.

Case Study 44 will review the response of Catholic Church authorities to allegations of child sexual abuse by John Joseph Farrell.

The Diocese of Parramatta has always worked openly and transparently with the Royal Commission looking at past historical abuse committed by former Diocese of Parramatta personnel and we will continue to do so.

This case study is important as it will allow the survivors and their families a chance to have their voices heard. We must listen compassionately and with great care in order to ensure the hurt and failures of the past are never repeated.

As Bishop of Parramatta, I apologise for our past failures that led to the harm of the very people we were meant to care for. I am truly sorry for the hurt that we have caused.

Should personnel in your office require any further information please contact Claire Pirola, Manager – Office for Safeguarding & Professional Standards on 02 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au.

If you have any media related questions, please direct them to Joseph Younes, Communications Director on 02 8838 3435 or jyounes@parra.catholic.org.au.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Bishop of Parramatta