

# Media Release

Marist Brothers' Province of Australia



## Statement from the Marist Brothers Australia – Redress

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The recent announcement by the Turnbull Government of plans for a National Redress Scheme is encouraging and the Marist Brothers' Province of Australia welcomes this principled decision.

We look forward to further detail of the proposed 'opt in' model being shared with institutions, church authorities and religious orders such as our own.

The Marist Brothers are committed to redress and the imperative of ensuring the management of claims is conducted in a manner which is fair, just and does not result in further trauma for those who have already suffered enough.

We understand that the scheme will continue to be developed over the short term however, in the interim the order will continue to work with claimants to resolve their matters.

The Marist Brothers endeavour to work with those who have brought claims in a manner that is trauma informed and consistent with the *Guidelines for Church Authorities in Responding to Civil Claims for Child Sexual Abuse* developed by the Truth Justice & Healing Council.

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