



## Safeguarding Children, Young People and our Vulnerable Adults

### Statement of Commitment

*The Catholic Diocese of Townsville will do everything in its power to provide a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults so as to minimise the possibility of any harm.*

*The Catholic Church is called by Jesus to give priority of place to the welfare and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The voices of our most vulnerable in the Church should be heard and listened to so we see reality through their eyes.*

*The Catholic Diocese of Townsville believes that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological harm.*

*The Catholic Diocese of Townsville has established a policy to help protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our Church. This policy applies to all Church personnel within this Diocese including any cleric, member of a religious institute or other persons who are employed by the Church, or appointed to voluntary positions, or engage in other forms of pastoral ministry.*

*The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and its procedures is governed by current legislation to safeguard, ensure legislated compliance and be accountable and transparent in all ministries undertaken by the Church.*

To access the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy:

- Visit: <https://www.tsv.catholic.org.au/policies>
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