

Memorandum

To: All Archdiocesan Clergy, Staff, Chairs of Parish Councils, Parish Safeguarding Officers, School Principals, BOA, APC, Te Kahu o Te Rangī

From: Cardinal John Dew

Date: 12 October 2022

Re: Te Rōpū Tautoko: Faith-Institutions Response Hearing

For the past three years, the Archdiocese of Wellington Royal Commission Response Team along with other dioceses and religious orders have worked with Te Rōpū Tautoko (Tautoko) to provide information in response requests from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

Commencing 13 October 2022, the Royal Commission will conduct their final public hearing of faith-based institutions. On Monday, 17 October, representatives of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand will provide their perspectives on how they believe structural, systemic or practical factors contributed to the abuse that occurred in institutions under their care. The representatives will also be asked what lessons have been learned and what changes have been made to prevent such abuse occurring again.

Attached is more information about the Hearing provided by Tautoko.

Also attached is the NOPS-Call-Chart previously distributed.

If you are responsible for any social media sites, please ensure these are monitored regularly.

Key contacts for any queries or support you may require at this time:

- Any/all media enquiries during this time should be referred to:

David McLoughlin, the Communications Advisor for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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Please remember to be mindful of each other during this challenging time and I ask that you pray for the survivors, their families and each other as we work towards creating a Church that acknowledges the past and seeks justice for all who have been harmed in its name.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cardinal Dew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Cardinal John Dew