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TJHC welcomes Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese Safeguarding announcement



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Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council has welcomed news today that the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn is establishing a new Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding.

Archbishop Prowse said the Archdiocese aims to fully implement a governance structure that brings survivors of sex abuse from the margins into the centre of its pastoral response. Ms Jane Cronan will manage the Institute alongside the director, Mr Matt Casey.

Francis Sullivan said the establishment of the Institute adds to the national trend for dioceses and religious orders to put in place formal structures and personnel to directly address the safety of children and vulnerable people in parishes, schools and other services provided by the Catholic Church.

"The Royal Commission is exposing the appalling extent of abuse in institutions nationally," Mr Sullivan said.

"These initiatives are the building blocks to an emerging national approach in the Catholic Church," Mr Sullivan said.

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