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TJHC briefs Capuchin Friars on issues emerging from the child sex abuse Royal Commission

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Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council joined around 30 delegates at the mid-term assembly of the Capuchin Friars in Sydney this week to provide an update on the work of the Truth Justice and Healing Council.

The Friars meet for the formal provincial chapter every three years, but gather mid-term for an assembly which is usually a time for ongoing formation and fraternity.

This year there was a strong focus on professional standards and child protection.

Mr Sullivan talked about the issues emerging from the Royal Commission's work for religious orders in the Catholic Church and the need for ongoing vigilance, not only in the area of child protection, but more broadly in the area of psycho sexual development and religious formation.

Mr Sullivan outlined the challenges facing the Council as the public work of the Royal Commission enters its final phase and the work underway by the Council in preparation for the final hearing into the Catholic Church in February next year.

Friars working in Australia hail from Australia, Poland, Philippines, Indonesia, and Kerala and Goa in India.

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