

Your opportunity to question Church's Royal Commission spokesperson



Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has been engaged in its work

for almost two years now and Bishop Peter Ingham has invited Mr Francis Sullivan, the Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council to visit the Diocese again.

This Council was established at the commencement of the Royal Commission in recognition of the importance of the Royal Commission and the imperative for the Church to address the past openly and honestly, the good with the bad. The Truth, Justice and Healing Council oversees the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission by:

- Speaking for the Church in matters related to the Commission and child sexual abuse;
- Coordinating the Church's legal representation at the Commission;
- Identifying systemic institutional failures that have impeded the protection of children; and
- Indicating to the Commission the procedures that have been put in place over the past 20 years.

Francis Sullivan has kindly accepted the invitation of Bishop Peter and will visit the Diocese on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 7.30pm-9.00pm. All parishioners in the Diocese who are interested are welcome to attend.

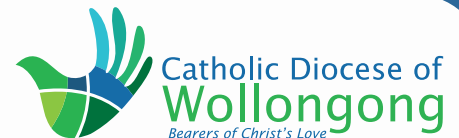
Francis will address three main questions:

- What are the major learnings from the Royal Commission to date?
- As a Church – and as a Diocese – what should we be doing NOW to respond to these learnings in a robust manner?
- What are the learnings from the Wollongong case which went before the Commission?

There will be opportunity for questions from the audience.

The meeting will be held at the Xavier Centre (38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.) Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available at 7.00pm.

For catering purposes it is necessary that you respond to this invitation by Friday 5 December 2014 at the latest. Please email your response to Jennifer on jennifer.raposio@dow.org.au or 4222 2411.



ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is cooperating fully with the Royal Commission and seeks to be truly open to the wisdom that it will offer to ensure greater protection for children, now and into the future.

If someone has been sexually abused as a child by a priest, religious or employee of the Catholic Church, it is important that they are given an opportunity for their experience to be heard.

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