# Commitment Statement

## Safeguarding – Adults at Risk

> "Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable."
> — Proverbs 31:8

Created in the image of God, all adults at risk are valued members of our community. Their dignity, rights and voices must be heard, respected and protected.

We, the people of God in the Diocese of Port Pirie, are committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of all adults at risk mindful of the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, those living with disabilities, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. We believe every person has the right to feel safe in the Church where all can flourish.

We uphold a zero-tolerance approach to any form of abuse, harm, neglect or discrimination. We are committed to implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and strengthening our safeguarding practices through regular review, formation and improvement.

Safeguarding adults at risk is a shared responsibility across our Diocese, supported by effective policies, clear expectations and a culture that ensures every person experiences the Kingdom of God as a safe, secure and welcoming home. All clergy, religious, employees and volunteers are expected to act with integrity, uphold our commitment to safeguarding, and model behaviours that support the safety and wellbeing of all adults at risk.

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