



Jesuits welcome redress scheme

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The Provincial of the Australian Jesuits, Fr Brian McCoy SJ, has welcomed the Federal Government's announcement of a National Redress Scheme for survivors of sexual abuse.

'I'm very pleased at the prospect of abuse survivors having an independent and fair process for seeking redress for the harm that they have suffered in institutions.

'Survivors and their families have shown great courage in sharing their experiences at the Royal Commission, and great patience in waiting for the Royal Commission's recommendations to be implemented.

'Governments and institutions, including the Australian Jesuits, now need to honour that courage and patience by committing ourselves to the process of healing and redress.

'The Australian Jesuits join the Catholic Church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council in expressing our support for the scheme, and hope that it will help provide a pathway to solace and healing for abuse survivors and their families.'

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