

MARIST FATHERS AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION

The Royal Commission's Data Survey, released in February, 2017, revealed that 13.9% of the Marist Fathers who worked in Australia in the period 1950-2012 have engaged in criminal behaviour with children. This percentage figure means that the Marist Fathers have the third highest percentage of offending among clerical religious orders.

It is with a deep sense of shame that the Marist Fathers' Australian Province acknowledges this reality.

The current Provincial of the Marist Fathers in Australia, Fr Bob Barber, wrote recently:

Having to face public humiliation when recently named as among the worst offenders against children is not the end of it for us. We cannot lay low and wait until this goes away. We must take it to our hearts. To be forgiven we must truly acknowledge our fault, seek pardon, conversion and give restitution as best we can.

To lodge a complaint or to receive further information call the Free Call number 1300 369 977, the NSW Catholic Professional Standards Office on 02 9287 1542, or the Marist Fathers' Vicar Provincial on 02 98442274.