

ONLINE TRAINING: SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM with GRC Solutions: SALT

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Dear Fathers, Diocesan and Parish personnel

The Diocese of Toowoomba is committed to ensuring that any person, who comes in contact with us while we are involved in public Church ministry, will find us, our environment and our ministry activities, to be safe. This culture and practice of safety extends to parishioners, visitors, workers, people in need of assistance of any kind, in short to the community at large.

One way that we all demonstrate our commitment to the duty of care towards others is to make good use of opportunities for training in related skills and knowledge. These training opportunities build on the pastoral wisdom of our lived experiences. They complement and enrich our efforts in service of one another and of our local communities.

In the past Catholic Church Insurance (CCI) provided excellent and helpful online training in a number of workplace and ministry areas including Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. This online training has now been passed to a new provider: GRC Solutions. They offer an online program called Self-Administered Legal Training (SALT) which covers several areas of ministry and work.

These areas include Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Workplace Behaviours, Privacy, Work Health and Safety, and Cyber Security. SALT has been created by lawyers and e-learning experts using practical and hypothetical scenarios. As these online SALT training programs become available, all Clergy and relevant Diocesan and Parish personnel will be notified.

I readily acknowledge and wholeheartedly support the efforts of Clergy, Religious, Diocesan workers and Parish Volunteers, who already, on a daily basis, demonstrate a commitment to safe and respectful service of others, especially those in need.

May God bless you and those entrusted to your care.

Yours sincerely

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