



SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN JOIN THE NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

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The Sisters of the Good Samaritan have now been declared as having joined the National Redress Scheme – a scheme run by the Australian Government to support people who have experienced institutional childhood sexual abuse.

“I am pleased that the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have now joined the National Redress Scheme,” said Sister Patty Fawkner, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. “My hope is that our participation may offer tangible assistance to people who, to our deepest regret, were sexually abused while in our care.”

“By participating in the Scheme, we hope to make a contribution toward the journey of healing for those who are impacted by the traumatic experience of childhood sexual abuse,” she added. “The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are committed to doing all in our power to ensure that wherever we minister now and into the future, we provide places of safety and mutual support for children and vulnerable adults.”

The National Redress Scheme provides acknowledgement and support to the estimated 60,000 people in Australia who have experienced institutional childhood sexual abuse. Applicants to the scheme can apply for a Redress payment, counselling, or a personal apology from the institution.

The Scheme offers an alternative to seeking compensation through the courts.

Applications can be made at any time between now and June 30, 2027.

Information, applications for Redress and support services can be accessed at www.nationalredress.gov.au or by calling the National Redress Scheme on 1800 737 377.

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If you need immediate support please contact:

- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- 1800 Respect: 1800 737 732
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467
- MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99 78
- In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)

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