



ARCHDIOCESAN MEDIA OFFICE

Dated: Friday, 18 March 2022

Subject: **Statement from the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth**
Re: Retired Priest - Fr Richard Doyle

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth respects the verdict of the District Court of Western Australia handed down today.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth renews its unreserved apology to all those who have suffered the horror of sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy, religious and lay church workers.

The protection of children is the archdiocese's highest priority, and the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth accepts that this was not always upheld in the past. This is a matter of enduring regret and remorse.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth notes that the judicial process in these matters is continuing with sentencing yet to occur. The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth will wait until all legal processes are finalised before commenting further.

Support and Reporting Information

Information on the support available to anyone who has experienced abuse within an Archdiocesan agency, organisation or parish can be found on our website: www.perthcatholic.org.au

We urge any person with evidence of criminal conduct to report the matter to their local police. The West Australian Professional Standards Office (WAPSO) can also assist any person wishing to come forward and is contactable on telephone: (08) 9221 7762.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is a participating institution in the National Redress Scheme (NRS). The NRS may be contacted on telephone: 1800 737 177 or via its website - www.nationalredress.gov.au

End Statement.

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