

Media Release



Marist Brothers' Province of Australia

Statement from the Marist Brothers Australia – Sutton

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The Marist Brothers Province of Australia released the following comments after a former Brother was sentenced in the ACT Supreme Court.

“It is a matter of profound sorrow and regret that children were abused by someone responsible for their care and safety.

“To the victims of Mr Sutton, I express our unreserved apology for the pain and suffering they have endured.

“They had the right to expect every protection and safety and they were tragically let down.

“The abuse of children can often have lifelong impacts as expressed by one of the victims to the court today according to media reports.

“I am moved by the forgiveness expressed by one of the victims, also reported. I hope that the process of justice provides some path towards healing for all affected.

“I also restate my firm resolve and that of the entire Province to continue to work with all victims and bring some healing to lives that have been so damaged by the criminal sexual abuse they suffered as innocent children”, said Provincial, Brother Peter Carroll fms.

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