CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Fact Sheet: What is a Reportable Crime?

Reportable Crimes include Child Abuse Offences and Serious Indictable Offences and must be reported to NSW Police. The Archdiocese requires all Reportable Crimes to be reported to the NSW Police.

The types of Reportable Crimes that could arise in the Parish or Agency context are:

Physical Assault of a Child or adult

For example: hitting, pushing, shoving, throwing objects, making threats of physical harm.

Sexual touching involving a Child

For example: any touching of a Child's genital, anal or breast area, including through any clothing.

Sexual or indecent assault of a Child or adult

For example: sexual intercourse (which is interpreted broadly), intended Sexual Assault and/or kissing without consent.

Note: a Child under the age of 16 cannot give consent.

Any other Sexual Act involving a Child

For example: any act of a sexual nature with or towards a Child, including making a Child commit an act of a sexual nature towards the perpetrator.

Grooming a Child for sexual activity behaviour

For example: inappropriate gift giving, spending inappropriate "special time" with a Child, inappropriately allowing a Child to overstep the rules, testing boundaries with a Child, inappropriately extending a relationship outside work, or engaging in inappropriate personal communication with a Child.

Possessing, disseminating or producing Child Abuse Material

Child Abuse Material includes: Child pornography, as well as material that depicts a Child as a victim of torture, cruelty or physical abuse.

Recording or distributing Intimate Images of a Child

For example: Recording or distributing images of a Child showering or undressing, or altering an image to appear as though a Child is engaged in a private act.

Stealing

For example: any act of stealing, regardless of the amount of money or the value of the property stolen.