



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE



PARISHES AND PARISH SCHOOLS SHARING INFORMATION UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT 1988

Introduction

The Parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's Word, for growth in a Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all of its activities, the Parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelists, it is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

Evangelii Gaudium 28, Pope Francis

The Parish is the community of the baptized and the place where the Christian faithful gather together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The Parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and love.

At the heart of the Parish is the idea of community. The Parish is expressed in a community. Its structures and personnel serve that community which, in turn, serves and evangelizes the broader community.

Parishes are the means whereby the work of the local Church is carried out.

The Parish School is an integral part of the Parish community and the mission of the Parish. By choosing to send a child to a Parish School, the parents choose to be part of the Parish community.

As communities of the Christian faithful, Parishes draw on the support and participation of parishioners to build community and support the works of the Parish.

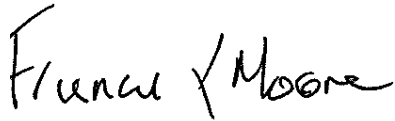
All parishioners are responsible under the leadership of the Parish Priest for making their parishes vital communities of faith, worship and service.

Privacy

The Parish and the Parish School each collect information from parishioners and school families to foster interaction and for the performance of their functions and activities.

The information which the Parish and Parish School collect is collected and held in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles in the Privacy Act 1988.

In order to assist the collection of information and the interaction of the Parish and Parish School with all parishioners including school families, this Circular sets out the information to be included by the Parish and Parish School in their respective Privacy Policy and Collection Notices.



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