



Form 16 – Church Attendance Agreement

The Catholic Diocese of Bunbury and the Safeguarding Office is committed to providing all people with a safe environment for worship. This includes all children and vulnerable individuals, and those who have committed sexual offences.

The aim is to create a safe environment for the children and vulnerable of the parish as well as the person who has offended, providing all with protection from allegations and minimising the risk of re-offending. It provides for support and enables all to receive the appropriate ministry within the explicit bounds of the agreement, covering constant, direct and personal supervision.

In parishes where a person attending church is known to have committed child sex offences, a Form 16 Church attendance agreement is initiated. This is coordinated by the Safeguarding Office in consultation with the parish priest, Safeguarding Officers and the Safeguarding Office.

Form 16 Church attendance agreement covers compliance with all parole and reporting conditions to the Western Australian Police Sex Offenders' Management Squad and is specific to the individual. All records are kept confidentially at the Safeguarding Office.

Entering into this agreement is not a legally binding process; however, will be strongly encouraged. Any person known to have committed child sex offences, who refuses to cooperate with the Church attendance agreement process, will be referred to the Bishop or the Bishop's delegated authority where alternative arrangements may be considered.

The Church attendance agreement does not accept liability or responsibility for any re-offending by a known child sex offender within the Church community.