

Wednesday, 22 August 2018

Dear Parish Secretary,

## **Redress Fund - Treatment of Donations**

The Fund created to meet the financial obligations arising from the participation of the Diocese in the National Redress Scheme for survivors of child sexual abuse will accept donations.

Any donations made by individuals or organisations directly to the Diocese. for redress purposes will be deposited in the Diocesan Redress Scheme Account and will be used exclusively to assist with meeting payments made under the scheme. Donations made for redress purposes by individuals or organisations through parishes and passed on to the Diocese will be treated in the same manner. Such donations would meet the definition of "Transmission monies" under the *Assessment Authorisation Ordinance 1988*.

Donations made by individuals or organisations to parishes specifically to assist the parish with its obligations to the Redress Fund under the *Redress Fund Ordinance 2018*, e.g. to meet part of the parish levy or under an alternative funding proposal arising from an application for exemption from sale of property, will be deposited in their Parish Redress Account. These donations would also be considered to be transmission monies in the year received and passed on.

Donations deposited in a Parish Redress Account will be drawn down proportionately with any other monies in that account, such as the proceeds of property sales, as required to meet payments under the redress scheme. If, at the conclusion of the scheme, a balance remains in the Parish Redress Account, it will be returned to the parish. To such extent that the balance was derived from donations, that proportion of the balance returned will be assessable income to the parish at that time.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me.

Yours Faithfully,

James Oakley

General Manager/Registrar

## A church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.