



Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

PASTORAL MESSAGE REGARDING CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

28th February 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

I reach out to each one of you in Jesus, by way of this simple Pastoral Message.

The revelations regarding Cardinal Pell over these last days have deeply shocked and disturbed us. We find in our hearts so many emotions and confusions.

We hold deeply in our hearts all survivors of sex abuse and their families. We pledge to do all we can to stand alongside them in prayerful, transparent vigilance.

Given that Cardinal Pell's conviction will now be subject to an appeal in court we best leave aside further comment on this matter.

Be assured of and comforted by my prayers and thoughts for you, my dear people, in this fragile time. Please find strength in your care for each other.

Together, let us turn as always to the Lord Jesus and our Mother Mary, during our Masses and our prayers to guard and guide us in this "vale of tears."

Please pray also for our priests, deacons and seminarians. They who seek to serve you with great pastoral care are in need of their own care in these days.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
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