

Society of the Catholic Apostolate Incorporated
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL RECTOR

80 McNamara Road Millgrove, Vic 3799

Dated: Monday, 15th July 2024

Subject: Statement Re: Rev Fr. Raymond Hevern SAC

The Society of the Catholic Apostolate confirms that on Tuesday, 9 July 2024, WA Police arrested and charged Rev Fr Raymond Hevern SAC with historical indecent dealing with someone under the age of 14. This is in relation to his time in the Geraldton Diocese.

Bail was granted under stated provisions and Rev Fr. Hevern was released from custody and appeared in Perth Magistrates Court today, Monday, 15 July 2024.

Rev Fr. Hevern has, with immediate effect, concluded his current appointment. Effective 9 July 2024, full ministry restrictions were imposed on Rev Fr. Hevern until further notice. Father Hevern's Working With Children card (WWC) has been confiscated by the WA Police and his ACMR number has been withdrawn.

As this matter is now before the Court, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate will not provide any further comment at this time.

The Society of the Catholic Apostolate reaffirms the protection of children and vulnerable adults is the Church's highest priority.

Support and Reporting Information

The Society of the Catholic Apostolate urges any person with evidence of criminal conduct to report the matter to their local Police.

The Western Australian Professional Standards Office (WAPSO) can also assist any person needing support to report a concern about abuse.

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End Statement.

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