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**STATEMENT BY CHURCH AUTHORITY (BISHOP/VICAR GENERAL/
PROVINCIAL) RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY FACULTIES FOR A VISITING CLERIC
OR RELIGIOUS**

As the relevant Church Authority of _____ *(please enter the name of the cleric or religious transferring to or visiting the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)*, I hereby state that in relation to this person, there have been no substantiated complaints of abuse against him or her, nor are there any known circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse. (cf. the requirements of Towards Healing Paragraph 45. 7.)

I am aware that, in moving into a new jurisdiction, this person will be subject to the requirements of relevant State or Territory legislation concerning clearances to work with certain categories of persons.

Duration of Visit / Appointment: _____
Provide Dates of Arrival & Departure

The purpose of Visit / Appointment: _____

Yours sincerely,

Signature (Bishop/VG/Provincial) Printed Full Name Date of Statement

Address: _____

Official Role: _____

Relevant Paragraphs from Towards Healing

45.6 Whenever a cleric or religious is to transfer from one diocese or institute to another, (whether within Australia or coming from overseas) or is to carry out a ministry or apostolate in another diocese or institute, the Church Authority to which the person is to be transferred shall ask for a written statement from the priest or religious indicating whether there have been any substantiated complaints of abuse against him or her of whether there are known circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse. Such statement shall be held as confidential documents by the Church Authority.

45.7 In these circumstance, the Church Authority in the diocese or institute where the cleric or religious previously lived and worked, shall provide a statement in writing to the new diocese or institute indicating whether such authority knows of any complaints of abuse which have been substantiated or is aware of circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse, or whether it considers that there would be an unacceptable risk to children, young people or vulnerable adults if a person were to be allowed to engage in particular kinds of ministry.