

Aotearoa New Zealand Marist Brothers Apology

A Note for Attendees and Viewers

As we approach the Marist Brothers apology to Aotearoa New Zealand Survivors of abuse, we acknowledge that this occasion may bring up a wide range of emotions. For many survivors, choosing whether or how to engage with the Marist Brothers Apology is deeply personal. There is no right or wrong way to participate. Your wellbeing matters most.

This apology is being offered in recognition of the harm experienced by survivors in Aotearoa New Zealand. We wish to acknowledge the strength it takes for those who choose to attend in person, watch online, or engage with this moment in any way and equally.

We acknowledge this apology process may not feel appropriate for some survivors. We understand that our actions that follow this apology will be a test of justice and accountability being experienced by survivors.

Attending in Person

Please be advised that there is an event taking place nearby. While we have been advised that roads should remain clear, we encourage you to plan ahead and allow extra time in case of unexpected delays.

Doors will open at **11:30am**, with refreshments available. The ceremony will begin at **12:00pm**.

Survivor wellbeing along with their family/whanau and friends, is our top priority and understand there may be heightened emotions during the apology ceremony. We have the support counsellors present and ask you to please watch out for each other as everyone arrives and settles.

Support people and resources will be available on site throughout the event.

Live-Stream, Photography and Use of Media

We recognize that not everyone will choose or be able to attend in person. Therefore, the event will be recorded and live streamed to watch online. Care will be taken to capture the stage and speakers only.

We ask that no photos or videos are taken inside of the apology space. If photos are taken outside of this space, we ask that you do not capture other attendees and do not share without consent.

Participating from Home or Elsewhere

You are very welcome to participate from a place where you feel safest and most comfortable. Watching the live stream, stepping away when needed, or disengaging altogether are all valid choices.

If at any time you feel unsettled or need support, the following confidential services are available:

Safe to talk:

Phone 0800 044 334 or Text: 4334

Website: <https://www.safetotalk.nz/>

Tautoko Tane:

Website: <https://tautokotane.nz/>

TOAH-NNEST:

Website: <https://toah-nnest.org.nz/getting-help/>

Live Stream Access

Click the link [here](#) to access the live stream. Live stream will commence at 12:00.

During the Event

All information available to those attending in person will also be accessible online via the Marist Brothers website 9th May 2026 at 12:00 – please [click here](#). Including apologies, statements and *Complaint Response and Redress Guidelines*

After the Event

If you have questions following the event, you can email PSO@pacfidps.com. These will be responded to as soon as possible.

Our team will aim to include the recording of the entire apology to the Marist Brothers website as soon as possible once the event has concluded.

Above all, we acknowledge survivors and honour the courage it takes to engage with this moment in any form. Please take care of yourself, before, during, and after the apology.

What to Expect on the Day

The Aotearoa New Zealand Marist Brothers will be offering an apology on Saturday, 9 May 2026, with the event to be held at the **Hyundai Marine Sports Centre**, 10 Tamaki Drive, Orakei, Auckland, 1071.

Doors open at 11:30 and the formal apology will begin at 12:00 finishing around 13:30. Everyone attending is invited to stay and share kai, connect with the resources or ask questions with the professionals available. The event will conclude at 15:30 pm.

Therapeutic Support

Survivors, whanau and friends, your safety, wellbeing, care and support for this event is a top priority. If at any point during the event you need support or time away, wellbeing support will be available, along with a quiet space for you to use.

Independent Counsellors will be available on site and identifiable by a purple-colored lanyard.

The Survivors Public Apology and Redress (SPAR) committee will be available on the day and will be identified by a blue coloured lanyard.

Doors Open

11:30

Mihi Whakatau and Welcome

12:00

A welcome that acknowledges mana whenua and the land on which the event is held and recognises the richness of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Voices of Survivors

Survivors and whanau; Brendan, Leonie and Daniel will each share a part of their story, their life and their experiences.

Moment of Silence and reflection

Attendees will be invited to share a moment of silence to reflect on their experiences and the survivors who have shared.

Acknowledgement and Apology

Brother Darren Burge, Provincial for Star of the Sea, will share an apology on behalf of the Marist Brothers for survivors of abuse in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Corrective Measures

Brother Peter Horide, Provincial Delegate for Aotearoa New Zealand will share information about the Marist Brothers commitment to Survivors, Safeguarding Support and Redress.

Moment of reflection and Honouring Survivors

Participants will be asked to draw their attention to the surrounding, the sea and the sounds of the water. Those who choose can interact with the water features to honour survivors who were not able to attend, or who are no longer with us

Survivors Closing

Survivors, Frances and Gerard will share their response and experiences

Poroporoaki & Closing Karakia

Concluding around 13:30

Kai & Resourcing

Kai (food) will be available on site. There will also be opportunity to discuss or gather information about support, reporting and redress. Survivor Angela's Artwork will be available for viewing.

Available until 15:30

Travel Support

\$100 voucher will be available for travellers within the North Island as a contribution toward costs and can be collected at the venue during the apology.

South Island and International travellers can receive up to \$500 contribution towards costs. More details can be provided by the Professional Standards Office (PSO@pacificdps.com).

Raising a Complaint on the Day

A 'Raising A Complaint' resource will be available as well as people to talk to for advice on how to share a complaint, including details and the role of the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) and the *Te Houhanga Rongo* - A Path to Healing process.

Redress

Simple, easy to follow '*Road to Redress*' information will be available to help you understand your options and next step. As well as someone to talk to for advice about Aotearoa New Zealand Marist Brothers redress and revisiting previous settlements.

The Aotearoa New Zealand Marist Brothers redress continues to be developed and will include a holistic response considering a range of aspects to promote healing. Details and more information about Aotearoa New Zealand Marist Brothers redress will be shared on the day with the apology.

Questions on the Day

An opportunity will be available for questions in a sperate space at the venue for Survivors. For individuals requesting specific responses a one-two-one can be scheduled for a later date.

Considerations

Marist Brothers will be in attendance in casual attire.

Survivor Voices

Survivors sharing at the event were carefully chosen by the Professional Standards Manager. It was important that the care, support and the wellbeing of all attending was considered. There were a significant number of individuals who requested to speak.

Media Outlet Attendance

The event will be closed to media to prioritise the privacy and support available to Survivors. We have worked alongside media beforehand to provide access to the live stream, statements, resources and venue photographs prior to the event. Media questions can be directed to communications@mariststar.org following the event.

Further Questions

If you have any further questions regarding the Aotearoa New Zealand Marist Brothers apology, please share them with Jonathan and Carlene at PSO@pacificdps.com and we will do our best to answer them before the event.

Seeking Immediate Support

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