

CAUSE & EFFECT

SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH



MARIST BROTHERS
Province of Australia

**FREE ONLINE
SEMINAR!**

**THURSDAY,
20 OCTOBER
2022**

**10.00am - 1.00pm
(AEDT)**

**Register with
Bianca Buda at
rsvp@marists.org.au**

**Zoom link will be
sent to you.**



with



Dr Brendan Geary FMS

Br Brendan Geary FMS PhD, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1957 and entered the novitiate in Dublin in 1975. Brendan is a psychotherapist and clinical psychologist with extensive experience at conducting retreat programs. He has co-edited four books and has published articles and book chapters on sexual abuse, adult bullying, sexuality, spirituality, and human development, and has presented retreats and workshops in Europe, The United States, South and Central America, and Australia.

In 2004, he was appointed as the first Director of Human Formation at Ushaw College, the Seminary for the North of England. In December 2009, he was appointed as Provincial of the Province of West Central Europe, which comprises Ireland, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. He served as Provincial until April 2019. After he completed his term of Leadership, the Australian Province contracted Brendan to investigate the causes of offending by Brothers in Australia, as part of its commitment to undertake research to better understand the background of abuse by Australian Marist Brothers. The research is being undertaken as a doctoral programme at Glasgow University.

Dr Barry O'Sullivan

Fr Barry O'Sullivan is priest of Salford Diocese and was ordained in 1987.

He is a leading proponent of child safeguarding in the Roman Catholic Church in England & Wales, Scotland, and The Irish Republic. As well as spending more than a decade as the Salford Diocese Child Protection Coordinator, he has been a member of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales working party for the care and rehabilitation of sex offenders, and the Catholic Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults National working party to develop a Safeguarding Programme for clergy in England and Wales. He is a member of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. He has attended safeguarding conferences in the UK and Internationally and is a member of the United Kingdom's Government Child Exploitation and Online Protection Academy. He is currently a member of the Boundary Breaking project at the Centre for Catholic Studies of Durham University. In 2018, Gracewing published his book, "*The Burden of Betrayal: Non-offending priests and the clergy sexual abuse crisis.*" He has recently been seconded by his bishop to work as a Safeguarding Consultant, developing safeguarding practice in the Developing World.