

Participants sought for a Research Study



We invite all Catholic women religious in Australia and German-speaking countries to participate in a survey on experiences of harm and safeguarding.

You are invited to participate in a survey which is being conducted by researchers from the University of Newcastle, Australia and the University of Regensburg, Germany.

Why is the research being done?

Life as a woman religious can be deeply meaningful and fulfilling. However, research also shows that some women religious experience challenges, including sexual harassment or abuse, as well as physical, emotional, financial, or spiritual harm, and workplace exploitation. This research aims to better understand these experiences and learn directly from women religious to help strengthen safeguarding practices.

Who can participate?

Current or former Catholic women religious aged 18 years or older in Australia or in German-speaking countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, or Luxembourg). All are invited to participate, whether or not they have personally experienced harm.

What do you need to do to participate?

Scan the QR code for a Participant Information Statement and access to the survey. Participation in this research study is voluntary and supported by appropriate safety protocols.



This research project has been approved by the University of Newcastle Research Ethics Committee, Reference No: H-2024-0211.

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