

## Revising 'In God's Image'

People are being invited to submit their views ahead of an updated version of 'In God's Image'.

The document, an 'Instruction on Safeguarding' from the Bishops of Scotland to all Catholic jurisdictions in the country - was published in March 2018, initially for a three-year period.

The Bishops are now preparing for the publication of version two to reflect any significant Safeguarding developments that have occurred since first publication. The intended publication date is June 2021. Until then, the current version of 'In God's Image' V1 will remain valid.

The Bishops are seeking views from all interested groups and individuals on any changes they would propose to the current text in the light of their experience.

- **The form is available here:**  
[https://form.jotform.com/BCOS\\_GenSec/revising-in-gods-image](https://form.jotform.com/BCOS_GenSec/revising-in-gods-image)
- **To refer to the current version of In God's Image, see here:**  
<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/In%20Gods%20Image%20WEB.pdf>

This invitation extends to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, organisations, to clergy and laypeople, to professional Safeguarding staff and volunteers, to those in Scotland and beyond, to those in other churches or faith groups and to all who are interested in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe in every Church environment.

**Above all, the Bishops are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the Church can learn from past mistakes and plan to ensure appropriate and sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns.**

*Closing date for submissions is 30 November.*