

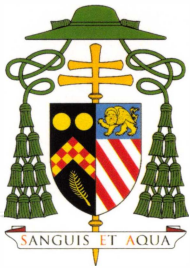
**GENERAL DECREE
(Canon 29)**

The Most Reverend Mark Benedict Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

By the grace of God and the authority of the Apostolic See

Having within the Archdiocese of Brisbane all ordinary, proper and immediate power required for the exercise of my pastoral function (Canon 381§1 CIC/83), and being required to show myself concerned for all the Christian faithful entrusted to my care (of whatever age, condition or nationality) who have a domicile in the territory of the Archdiocese or are residing here even temporarily (Canon 383§1) and given my obligation to attend to the presbyters who minister and reside within the Archdiocese with special solicitude, to protect their rights and to take care that they correctly fulfil the obligations proper to their clerical state (Canon 384), and being of the opinion that to properly fulfil these obligations (and in particular to show myself concerned for the safeguarding those of the Christian faithful entrusted to my care who are children or who are vulnerable adults) and having particular regard to my obligation to take care that the presbyters ministering and/or residing in the Archdiocese correctly fulfil the obligations proper to their clerical state, I decree as follows: –

- 1 **Priests either of the episcopal or of the presbyteral order who enjoy the grant of faculties from me, as local Ordinary, are:**
 - 1.1 to take all necessary steps to apply for and obtain a national police check and whilst those priests continue to enjoy the grant of faculties from me as local Ordinary, they are to apply for and obtain a national police check on the third anniversary of them obtaining their initial national police check, and
 - 1.2 to obtain from the relevant state government authority a Blue Card clearance for working with children and during the whole of the period during which they enjoy the grant of faculties from me, as local Ordinary, they are to take all necessary steps in a timely fashion to renew (and continue to renew) that Blue Card clearance for working with children.
- 2 **Priests whether incardinated in the Archdiocese of Brisbane (or some other diocese) or in a clerical religious institute who have a domicile in the territory of the Archdiocese of Brisbane or who reside here even temporarily (whether or not they enjoy a grant of faculties from me as local Ordinary, and whether or not they are retired from ministry) are:**



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- 2.1 to take all necessary steps to apply for and obtain a national police check and whilst those priests continue to have a domicile in the territory of the Archdiocese of Brisbane or continue to reside here even temporarily they are to apply for and obtain a national police check on the third anniversary of them obtaining their initial national police check, and
 - 2.2 to obtain from the relevant state government authority a Blue Card clearance for working with children and during the whole of the period during which they continue to have a domicile in the territory of the Archdiocese of Brisbane or continue to reside here even temporarily, they are to take all necessary steps in a timely fashion to renew (and continue to renew) that Blue Card clearance for working with children.
- 3 **All deacons incardinated in the Archdiocese of Brisbane or incardinated in a clerical religious institute or in other diocese who have a domicile within the Archdiocese of Brisbane or are a resident here even temporarily (whether or not they are appointed to an office or exercise any ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane) are:**
- 3.1 to take all necessary steps to apply for and obtain a national police check and whilst those deacons continue to enjoy the grant of faculties from me as local Ordinary, they are to apply for and obtain a national police check on the third anniversary of them obtaining their initial national police check, and
 - 3.2 to obtain from the relevant state government authority a Blue Card clearance for working with children and during the whole of the period during which they enjoy the grant of faculties from me, as local Ordinary, they are to take all necessary steps in a timely fashion to renew (and continue to renew) that Blue Card clearance for working with children.

Given at Brisbane this *Twelfth* day of *April* 2018.

The Most Reverend Mark
Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane

Notary

