

Parenting Orders Program

*For separated families
and their children*

About us

Relationships are at the heart of why CatholicCare exists. We help people to build positive relationships, and repair connections when needed.

CatholicCare is the social service agency of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale. We provide a range of counselling, education, community and pastoral services.

We support all people regardless of their religious belief or background.

Our vision is for a stronger, more resilient and inclusive society - where everyone can reach their potential and enjoy 'life to the full'.

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Positive post-separation parenting

CatholicCare's Parenting Orders Program helps families experiencing separation or family breakdown to reduce conflict and increase cooperation and communication.

It seeks to recognise and build on families' strengths, so they can better manage parenting and contact arrangements in the best interests of the children.

The program is child focused, child inclusive and gives children opportunities to have a voice; and for us to respectfully communicate their wishes to their parents. Many children can struggle emotionally even when they seem fine on the surface.

Who can use our services?

- Parents, children and family members who have Parenting Orders from the Family Court or Federal Circuit Court
- Families who are in conflict regarding parenting arrangements
- Families in the northern and western metropolitan regions of Melbourne and Geelong

Post-Separation Parenting Course

This six week course helps parents to understand the needs of their children; and improve parents' communication, problem solving and conflict management skills. Examining their actions and the impact it can have on children helps to build a positive post-separation parenting alliance.

Fees

There is a schedule of fees based on client income and ability to pay.

Other services available

Family Counselling - This gives families an opportunity to discuss any needs, concerns or difficulties in relation to the children; or managing the separation, and is provided to both adults and children.

Family Dispute Resolution (Mediation) - Helps families reduce the conflict that can follow family breakdown; and successfully negotiate agreements around issues of parenting, property and financial settlements that protect the interests of the children.

Family Reunification - This is available in situations where one parent or a family has lost contact, or the relationship with the child has broken down and support is required to re-establish it.

"It helped that some in the group were dads. Hearing their experiences helped me to see things from my ex-partner's perspective; I'm much more aware now of how our actions have been affecting our son."

