

# Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service

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**Other Names:**

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## Details

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The Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service was set up in 1994 by Centacare Adoptions Agency (which later became CatholicCare Adoption Services) to provide a centralised information, counselling and referral service for those people previously in Homes or looking for relatives who had been in a Catholic Children's Home.

Since the 1800s, the Catholic Church has cared for many dependent children in a wide variety of homes. These homes, while auspiced under the Catholic Church, were conducted by a number of different Catholic Orders. As the homes closed, the records were moved making it difficult for ex-residents to locate information.

Centacare saw the need to the establish a central register of the names of all the people who were residents of Catholic Children's Homes in the 1990s.

In 2011 Centacare changed its name to CatholicCare, although most internal structures remained the same. The work of CatholicCare staff, and the 2013 Records Access Documentation Project grant funded through Find & Connect, have enabled most of this indexing to be completed.

In 2018, responsibility for the Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service was transferred to [Family Spirit](#), the new organisation created out of the merger of CatholicCare Sydney adoption services and Marist180.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [CatholicCare Sydney \(2011 - current\)](#)
- [Centacare Catholic Community Services Sydney \(1967 - 2011\)](#)  
Centacare Catholic Community Services Sydney established the Catholic Children's Homes Enquiry Service in 1994.  
Date: 1994 - 2011
- [Family Spirit \(2018 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- CatholicCare Sydney, [CatholicCare Past Adoption Services](#), No date
  - Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, *A piece of the story : national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families*, November 1999
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