

Diocese joins campaign against gender-based violence

Members of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide gathered at St Peterâ??s Cathedral to mark the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, an annual international campaign that has been held each year since 1991.

The Cathedral bells rang out for an hour to mark the occasion.



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The campaign was started by activists at the inauguration of the Womenâ??s Global Leadership Institute in 1991. It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. It is now supported by the UN after the Secretary-General launched in 2008 the campaign UNITE by 2030 to End Violence against Women, which runs parallel to the 16 Days of Activism.



Bellringers help send peals across the city to mark the start of 16 days of activism

The Adelaide Dioceseâ??s Domestic and Family Violence Working Group is encouraging all its parishes and individuals to join in the campaign to raise awareness and eliminate violence in all relationships, and especially toward women and girls.

Many parishes are working hard to respond to this issue and The 10 Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence provide a framework for how everyone in the Diocese can work together as a community to support those affected by domestic and family violence and further prevention efforts.

For more information about this work in the Diocese, and suggested resources, please refer to the Domestic and Family Violence page on the Diocesan website.

Several banners, represented by the image at the top of this pag,e will be displayed at prominent parish sites during the 16 Days campaign to demonstrate the Dioceseâ??s commitment to advocating and being a strong voice for social justice issues in the community. If your Parish has a signboard you may wish to include a reference to the 16 Days campaign.

Other Anglican Diocese around the country have resources and support materials for the campaign, such as Sydney and Perth.

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