

Vos Estis Lux Mundi

Apostolic Letter issued Motu Proprio by Pope Francis

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Vos Estis Lux Mundi means the 2019 Apostolic Letter issued motu proprio of Pope Francis that details the reporting obligations of clerics and members of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life regarding crimes of sexual abuse committed by clerics (including Bishops) and members of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and the concealing of crimes of sexual abuse by Bishops, Archbishops and Major Superiors.

Vos Estis Lux Mundi became universal church law operative as from 1 June 2019. Art 2.1 says: "Taking into account the provisions that may be adopted by the respective Episcopal Conferences ..., the Dioceses or the Eparchies, individually or together, must establish within a year from entry into force of these norms, one or more public, stable and easily accessible systems for submission of reports, even through the institution of a specific ecclesiastical office."

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) system for submission of reports came into effect on 1 June 2020. The ACBC Report of Canonical Crime Form and other relevant documents can be accessed on the ACBC portal <https://catholic.org.au/vosestisluxmundi>.