

# Catholic Family Welfare Bureau (Archdiocese of Melbourne)

1956 – 1998

## Details

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The Catholic Family Welfare Bureau – Archdiocese of Melbourne was previously known as the Catholic Social Service Bureau. It was a Catholic social work organisation that administered applications for children to be admitted to Catholic children's Homes in Victoria. It also counselled single mothers and arranged foster care placements and adoptions. The Catholic Family Welfare Bureau was approved as an adoption agency under the Victorian legislation in 1966. In 1998, it became known as Centacare Catholic Family Services.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Catholic Social Service Bureau - Archdiocese of Melbourne (1935 - 1956)
  - **Catholic Family Welfare Bureau (Archdiocese of Melbourne) (1956 – 1998)**
    - Centacare Catholic Family Services (1998 - 2011)

### Related Entries

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- [Cortona Hostel \(1973? - 1989?\)](#)

### Resources

- [Catholic Family Welfare Bureau \(1935-1998\)](#), Finding Records, No date

## Records

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### Records held by other organisations

- [Adoption Records \(copies\) \(1907 - current\)](#)  
Adoption records (copies) relates to adoptions arranged by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau.
- [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)