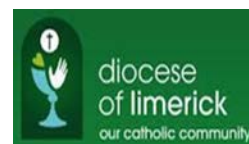


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Information to be displayed and available at Church locations



Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy Statement

Safeguarding Children

Diocese of Limerick
Safeguarding Children Policy Statement

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff, volunteers and any other Church personnel) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

For further information please visit the Diocesan Website
www.limerickdiocese.org

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Bishop of Limerick

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

Diocesan Safeguarding Service
Ger Crowley,
Director of Safeguarding (DLP)
087 3233564 | 061 315856 | ger@do.ie

An Garda Síochána
Divisional Headquarters,
Henry St, Limerick
061 212400

Tusla - The Child and Family Agency
Area Managers Office, HSE Building, Ballycummin Avenue, Raheen Business Park
061 482792 | www.tusla.ie

Bezpieczeństwo Dzieci

Oświadczenie w sprawie polityki bezpieczeństwa dzieci Kościoła w Irlandii

Jako integralna część Kościoła Katolickiego w Irlandii uznajemy i wspieramy godność i prawa wszystkich dzieci oraz gwarantujemy ich bezpieczeństwo i pomyślność. Zamierzamy także współpracować z rodzicami/opiekunami dla osiągnięcia tego celu. Uznajemy, że każde dziecko jest darem od Boga oraz cenimy je i zachęcamy dzieci do aktywnego udziału we wszystkich zajęciach, które rozwijają je duchowo, fizycznie, emocjonalnie, intelektualnie i społecznie.

Wszyscy pracujący w Kościele (włączając księży, osoby zakonne, pracowników oraz wolontariuszy) mają obowiązek troszczyć się o dzieci poprzez popieranie tego, co służy ich dobru, zdrowiu i rozwojowi w bezpiecznym i troskliwym otoczeniu zgodnie z ich najlepszym interesem i zapobiegając ich wykorzystywaniu.

Więcej informacji na ten temat zamieszczamy na stronie diecezji
www.limerickdiocese.org

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Biskup Diecezji Limerick

Dane kontaktowe personelu jeżeli ma miejsce uzasadniona obawa o dobro i bezpieczeństwo dzieci:

Diecezjalna Obsługa Bezpieczeństwa Dzieci
Ger Crowley,
Dyrektor Bezpieczeństwa Dzieci (DLP)
087 3233564 | 061 315856 | ger@do.ie

Polícia
Siedziba Oddziału
Henry St, Limerick
061 212400

Tusla - Agencja ds. spraw dziecka i rodziny
Area Managers Office, HSE Building, Ballycummin Avenue, Raheen Business Park
061 482792 | www.tusla.ie

Safeguarding Information: for Children and Young People; for Parents/Guardians

Safeguarding Children

Information for
Young People

Diocesan Safeguarding Policy says
Adults should...

Treat children with respect at all times
Never hurt children
Always keep children safe from anyone who could hurt or abuse them
Make sure children treat each other with respect

What is Abuse?
Abuse can be when a child is...
Told hurtful things that make them feel scared, unloved and unwanted
Physically hurt, for example hitting, shaking, throwing, burning or scolding
Made to do, or watch, something sexual that they don't want to do
Not looked after properly, does not have enough food or clothes or is left alone
Bullied, for example, being called names, being hit or pushed, having rumours spread about them or being threatened by someone online

What should I do if someone hurts me?
If someone hurts you or makes you feel uncomfortable or upset you should always...
Tell them to stop - Say No
Get away from them
Tell an adult you trust.
Remember...
It is never your fault if someone hurts you and you should never keep secrets about it!

How can I help to keep myself safe?
If an adult in the Church is hurting you or someone you know then you should tell an adult you trust or ring any of the following:
Safeguarding
Director Ger Crowley,
087 3233564
061 315856
An Garda Síochána,
061 212400
Tusla, 061 482792

Other numbers that you can call for help are:
Childline 1800 666 666
Somatians 116123
Barnados 1850 222 330

We believe that every child is precious and has a right to be kept safe from harm or abuse. Every adult in the Church has to help keep children safe by following the Diocesan Policy for Safeguarding Children.

For further information (including on cyber bullying) visit the Tusla website www.tusla.ie

Safeguarding Children

Information for
Parents/Guardians

What the Diocese of Limerick will do

- We will create a safe environment and treat children with respect
- We will listen if you or your child have any worries or concerns
- We will follow up on all concerns and complaints

Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Limerick falls into two categories: Diocesan or Parish based initiatives

Diocesan initiatives are for the most part run by the Youth Ministry Team. These youth ministry initiatives include school retreats, youth projects and one-off events as well as residential leadership programmes and pilgrimages.

Parish initiatives include Altar Servers, Youth Choirs, Children's Liturgy and Youth Groups. These Parish Groups are generally operating the responsibility of the Parish Priest and leaders recruited by him.

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Diocesan Director of Safeguarding (DLP) Ger Crowley 087 3233564 | 061 315856 | ger@do.ie
An Garda Síochána Divisional Headquarters, Henry St, Limerick 061 212400
Tusla - The Child and Family Agency Area Managers Office, HSE Building, Ballycummin Ave, Raheen Business Park 061 482792 | www.tusla.ie
Every Parish has a Parish Safeguarding Representative. Enquiries to Terry Reilly, Parish Safeguarding Support Worker Tel: 086 1304775 | terry@do.ie

For further information please visit the Diocesan Website: www.limerickdiocese.org

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Poster - Sacristy Safeguarding Protocol

Sacristy Safeguarding Protocol

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Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in the life of the Parish, and their welfare is promoted by observing the following protocol:

Priests, sacristans, altar servers and other persons involved in any form of ministry must sign the Sacristy Register

Visiting priests must show a valid celeret or letter of good standing from their Diocese/Ordinary, to be recorded in the Sacristy Register

Other visiting religious or lay people involved in ministry will also show permission from the Diocesan Office to be involved in ministry within the Diocese

Visiting priests and any other persons involved in any form of ministry will show confirmation that they have been vetted by the Diocese of Limerick (except in once-off unregulated situations, for example funerals or weddings, where involvement with children/vulnerable persons is incidental)

Other persons should not be left alone with children/vulnerable persons in the Sacristy.

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Parish Safeguarding Representative(s):

Everyone involved in ministry must comply with the Safeguarding Policy of the Diocese of Limerick

Safeguarding Standards

Complementary & Interlinked

Child Safeguarding Standards

- 1 Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments
- 2 Procedures for Responding to Child Protection Suspicions, Concerns, Knowledge or Allegations
- 3 Care and Support for the Complainant
- 4 Care and Management of the Respondent
- 5 Training and Support for Keeping Children Safe
- 6 Communicating The Church's Safeguarding Message
- 7 Quality Assuring Compliance with the Standards

What is a standard?

A standard is the level of practice required to ensure good child safeguarding. Each standard is self-contained and is supported by indicators. It is the standard that provides the framework for action. Audits of compliance will be undertaken against the seven standards and the relevant indicators that apply to the Church body.

Accessible Child Safeguarding Information

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Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons

Safeguarding Service, Limerick Diocesan Office, Henry Street, Limerick

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Message from Bishop Leahy

Since becoming Bishop four years ago, I have made safeguarding a priority. I have met with survivors of abuse and I have found it always a challenge. On 3 March 2017, following Pope Francis' National Day of Masses, I made a massive commitment to ensure that every child in our Diocese is safe.

What needs to be in place in every parish?

- Safeguarding posters and information leaflets are in place in every church.
- A sign in book is retained in every sacristy.
- All young people involved in church activities complete membership forms requiring parental consent.
- All young people have access to safeguarding information and their parents are informed about safeguarding policy.
- All parishes are required to keep attendance records at youth events.
- All volunteers are Garda vetted and complete an application form agreeing to abide by the diocesan code of behaviour for adults.
- Safeguarding information and training is provided to all volunteers.

Suggestions for future issues of this Safeguarding publication would be most welcome. Please contact david@ldo.ie

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