

What the Diocese of Limerick will do

Support Services

Towards Healing Helpline

1800 303 416

The Church's free confidential counselling service

Towards Peace

01 5053028

Spiritual support for survivors of abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland

HSE National Adult Counselling Service

1800 234 115

for survivors of childhood abuse.

Limerick Branch: 061 411900, Ré Nua, 6, Mount Vincent Terrace, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick

Connect

1800 477477

Free phone counselling service for any adult who has experienced abuse, trauma or neglect in childhood

Childline

1800 666 666

Part of the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Please visit our website for a more extensive list of support services available for children and young people in Limerick City and County

www.limerickdiocese.org



Comprehensive information on safeguarding in the Catholic Church is available at the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland www.safeguarding.ie



Safeguarding Children

Information for Parents/Guardians



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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.

+ Brendan Leahy
Bishop of Limerick



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1
We will
create a safe
environment
and treat children
with respect



2
We will listen
if you or
your child have
any worries or
concerns



3
We will
follow up on all
concerns and
complaints





The Diocese of Limerick has committed itself to meeting the Safeguarding Standards developed by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

The Diocesan Policy and Procedures are available on the Diocesan Website and from the Diocesan Office.

All those who work with children involved in Church activities:

Will be recruited and trained properly and
Will adhere to a Code of Behaviour

Parental consent must be asked for when a child becomes involved in Church activities.

If you have any concerns or worries contact the Diocesan Director of Safeguarding.



The Diocese of Limerick values and encourages the participation of children in the life of the Church and is committed to practices which protect children from harm and abuse.

Staff, volunteers, clergy and religious in this Diocese recognise our responsibilities to ensure the safety and welfare of children and young people.

These responsibilities include:

- Treating children with respect at all times.
- Ensuring that children will be listened to and heard.
- Sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children, parents/guardians, staff, volunteers, clergy and religious.
- Responding promptly to and sharing information about concerns with the relevant agencies and involving parents/ guardians and children appropriately.
- Carefully following the procedures for recruitment, training and management of clergy, religious, staff and volunteers.
- Being committed to reviewing and evaluating our policy and procedures on an on-going basis.
- Adopting best practice in accordance with the National Board for Safeguarding Children Standards & Guidance Document.
- **The Diocesan Director of Safeguarding is responsible for dealing with all complaints/allegations.**



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:

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Service

Ger Crowley Director of Safeguarding (D.L.P.)
087 3233564 | 061 315856
ger@ldo.ie

Fr. Noel Kirwan Deputy D.L.P. 061 414624

Terry Boyle Parish Support Worker
086 1304775
terry@ldo.ie

Aoife Walsh Safeguarding Trainers
Chris O'Donnell 061 400133
awalsh@ldpc.ie
codonnell@ldpc.ie

Parish Safeguarding Representatives Contact local Parish Priest or Terry Boyle
086 1304775 | terry@ldo.ie