

Franciscan Safeguarding Newsletter
Safeguarding Sunday
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“Our generation will show that it can rise to the promise found in each young person when we know how to give them space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development; to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be; to pass on to them lasting values that make life worth living; to give them a transcendent horizon for their thirst for authentic happiness and their creativity for the good; to give them the legacy of a world worthy of human life; and to awaken in them their greatest potential as builders of their own destiny, sharing responsibility for the future of everyone. If we can do all this, we anticipate today the future that enters the world through the window of the young”

Pope Francis

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From a Child

Dear Adult,

Please be a good Role Model for me. I need you to care for me, help me feel valued and never abuse the trust I may put in you. I ask you to keep me safe and if I come to you having been abused either; physically, sexually, verbally or emotionally, Please believe me and help me to know it is not my fault.

I don't want to have the mind set that abuse is okay. When I say 'NO' it is because I am hurt or feel uncomfortable so please do not put me in that situation. We all only get one life, please do not allow mine to be ruined.

I am my own person.

I am no-one's property.

I deserve to be treated with respect and dignity.

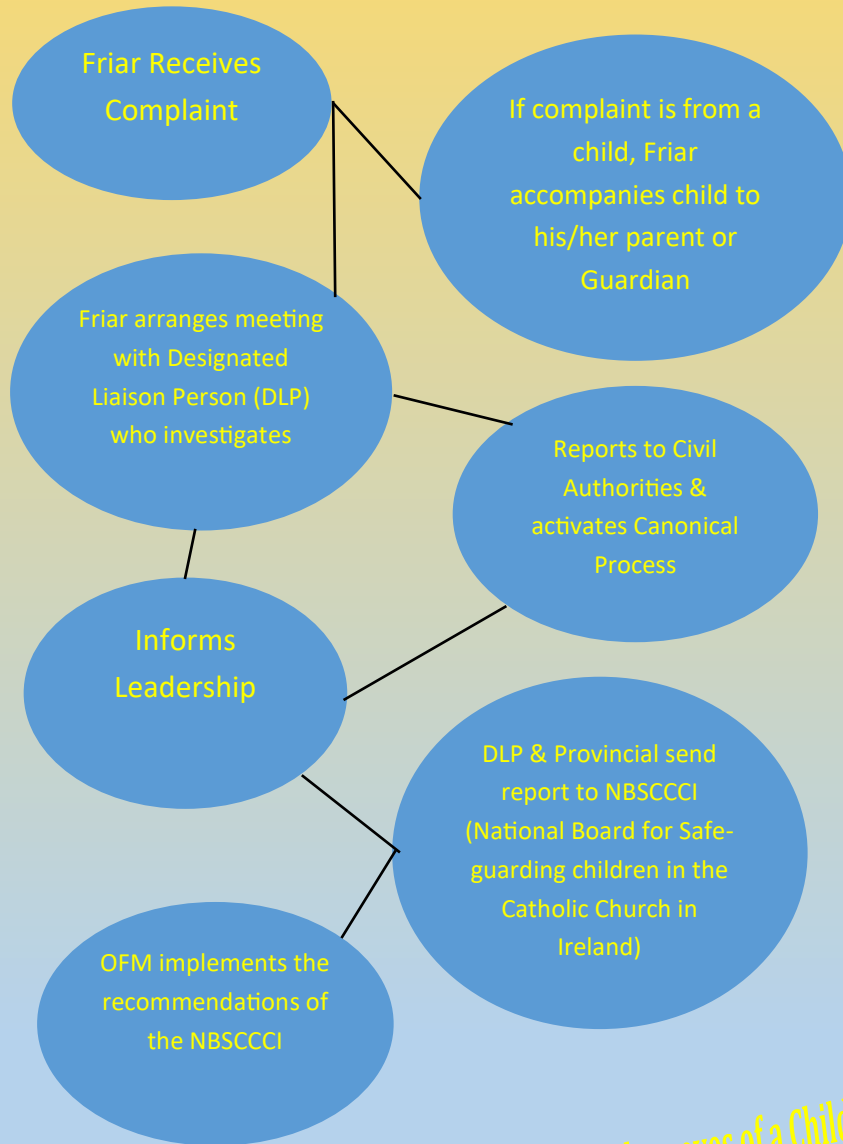
The main point of my letter is to ask you to respect me, never hurt me, celebrate the good times with me and care for me through the hard times.

Yours sincerely

Me



Reporting Process



No Brightness Shines like the Light of Hope in the wide clear eyes of a Child



Dear Friends,

I welcome this opportunity to share with you our latest Safeguarding Sunday Newsletter and assure you that the Franciscan Friars are as committed as ever to the highest standards of Child Safeguarding.

As you are aware we are fully signed up to the standards and guidelines of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland and as such are subject to the rules and regulations of that organization, which includes annual audits and reviews.

We have in place a dedicated team who maintain the highest standards of safeguarding on our behalf to include a Designated Liaison Person, Safeguarding Representatives and Safeguarding Monitors. We recently updated our policies in line with new legislation and these are available to view on our website, www.franciscans.ie/safeguarding.

Ongoing vigilance ensures that all of our friaries throughout the country remain safe for all our young people and vulnerable adults. This year Safeguarding Sunday falls on Sunday 26th November and gives us an opportunity to assure you that we are still working hard to maintain our compliance with all current practices and legislation. To date we have been providing training courses for friars, staff, volunteers and the public in general and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for giving so generously of their time and for working with us in providing a safe environment for us all.

Aidan McGrath OFM

Minister Provincial

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