

Our commitment to safeguarding - Prayer

- We commit to each share responsibility for creating an environment that is safe for all.
- We commit to pray for our safeguarding lead(s) and those working with children and adults.
- We commit to respect the boundaries that are in place to protect others.
- We commit to support those in our church who have been hurt or abused.
- We commit to provide on-going safeguarding training for all our workers.
- We commit to allow sufficient time and resources to make our recruitment of workers safer.
- We commit to maintaining an open culture where people are encouraged to share concerns.
- We commit to not take offence when challenged about our presence or behaviour.

Safeguarding Sunday



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franciscan province of ireland

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For nearly two years we have been safeguarding in different ways due to Covid-19. In February 2021, we were delighted to welcome a newly appointed Safeguarding Committee which includes lay personnel from teaching and policing backgrounds, parents, volunteer safeguarding representatives and friars.



The purpose of the Committee is to:

- Develop a child safeguarding plan which includes a training and communication strategy, and the establishment of local child safeguarding policy and procedures.
- Coordinate activities related to child safeguarding, e.g., training, safe recruitment of friars, staff and volunteers within the Franciscan Order in Ireland.
- Ensure the completion of the annual safeguarding audit, including the correlation of records for training related activities.
- Ensure, with the Provincial, that the appropriate child safeguarding personnel are in place.
- Ensure the completion of training needs assessments across the various child safeguarding roles.



A meeting of Franciscans Friars from all over the world was held in Rome, In July 2021. After a day devoted to safeguarding, which included listening to victims/survivors, the following was included in the final Document of the whole meeting.

“We expressed our continued commitment to the ongoing work of safeguarding minors and vulnerable adults. Sadly, there is no part of the world in which the crisis of sexual abuse has not affected the Order of Friars Minor as it also has the universal Church. As lesser brothers, we renew our dedication to accompany victim-survivors of sexual abuse and abuses of all kinds, while striving always to ensure that all places entrusted to the Order are safe environments for all God’s people, especially the most vulnerable.

Concrete proposals and legislation have been advanced at the Chapter to make clear the obligation that all friars and entities of the Order have to cooperate fully in the prevention, reporting, and cooperation with all appropriate civil and ecclesiastical authorities in the work to guarantee justice and transparency in addressing accusations of abuse throughout the Order”.

Contact details for Franciscan Safeguarding:

If you have any concerns, please see our Safeguarding notices in our churches and friaries and/or contact our Safeguarding office as below:

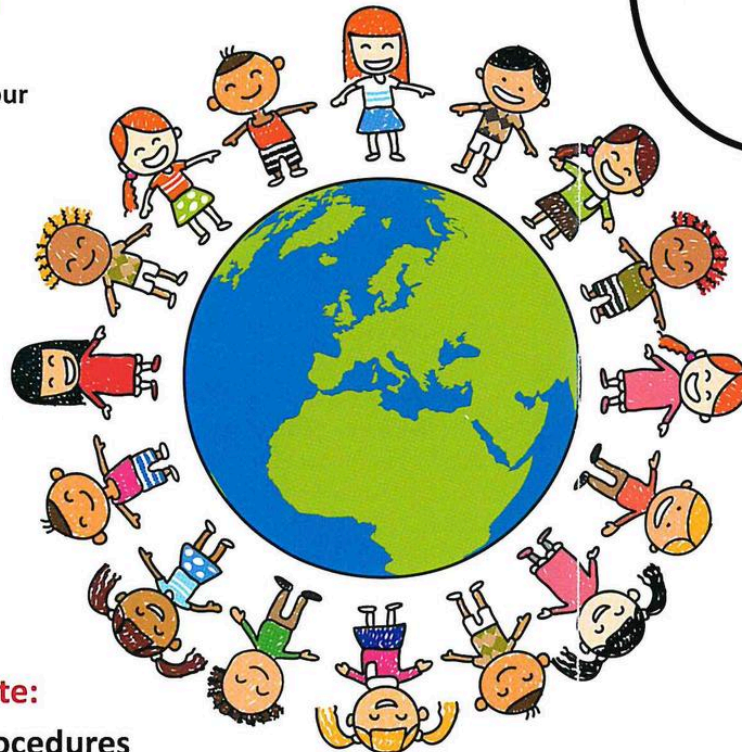
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To view our safeguarding policies please visit our website:

www.franciscans.ie/policy-procedures



Children’s Activity Page.

Who are the people you trust in your life?
Write a name on some of the balloons and colour them in!



Childline

Childline is always here for every child and young person.

**FREE PHONE:
1800 666 666**