

GUIDANCE 10

SACRISTY SAFEGUARDING PROTOCOL

It is the responsibility of the Guardian or Superior to ensure that in every sacristy an identified person is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Protocol and the maintenance of the Sacristy Register.

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

1. All Franciscan friars, sacristans, altar servers, and other persons involved in any form of ministry must sign the Sacristy Register Book.
2. Visiting priests must show a valid celebret.
3. Other visiting religious or lay people involved in ministry will also have secured permission from the Provincial and/or relevant diocesan bishop's office to be involved in ministry within that diocese.
4. Visiting priests and any other persons involved in any form of ministry will show confirmation that they have been vetted by the Franciscan Province through the diocese where the house is located.
5. Other persons should not be left alone with children in the sacristy.