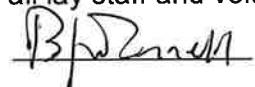


The Gospel teaches the importance of ensuring that the Catholic Church community is a warm, welcoming and safe place for children.

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. (Mark 10:14-15)

Children are gifts from God, to be cherished and recognised for the joyful contribution they make as valued members of the Church. Our challenge is to follow the example of Jesus in cherishing them. Safeguarding is key to this important task and should be seen, not as a burden, but as an opportunity to embrace and encourage children's ministry, following the example of Jesus Christ. Salesian Sisters pledge to safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Our ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus.

This Safeguarding Children Policy will be honoured and complied with by all vowed female religious, and by all lay staff and volunteers with the Salesian Sisters in Ireland.



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Details of Personnel to Contact if you are Concerned about the Welfare and Safety of Children

HSE – Health Service

Executive: Contact your local community area

- **Tel: 1850 241850**

National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland

- **Tel 01 5053018**

Helpful Contacts:

Towards Healing Helpline: **1800 303416**

Childline: **1800 331234**

Samaritans: **1850 609060**

An Garda Siochana:

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Unit

- Dublin **Tel: 01 6663435**
- Limerick **Tel: 061 212411**

DLP (Designated Liaison Person)

Mary McCormack:

Tel: 087 9040146

Róisín Domican (Deputy DLP):

Tel: 085 1327116