

Child Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Constituent Members of the Catholic Church in Ireland



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 well-being, 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 and volunteers) 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.

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of a child, please see reporting contact details below. You can also visit <u>www.augustinians.ie</u> for more information and view a copy of our Tusla 'Child Safeguarding Statement'.

Augustinian Designated Liaison Person:

Tony Murphy (087 2211235) – Augustinian Provincial Office, 16 Zion Road, Rathgar, Dublin, 6 – D06FA30. <u>safeguarding@augustinians.ie</u>

TUSLA – Child and Family Agency:

051 842827 - Office Hours 9am – 5pm Weekdays only. 0818 776315 – Out of hours, for mandated persons only. www.tusla.ie

Gardaí:

Dungarvan Garda Station, Youghal Road, Dungarvan (058 48600). National Protective Services Bureau (01 6663438) or Confidential Freephone 24/7 (1800 555 222). <u>www.garda.ie</u>