



# Safeguarding Children - Cloyne Diocese

## Newsletter Autumn 2017

### Word from Chairperson,

*The 'Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016' was issued by the National Board for Safeguarding Children to ensure up-to-date 'best practice' in all aspects of child safeguarding throughout the Catholic Church in Ireland.*

The Diocese of Cloyne recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We value and encourage the participation of children in all church related activities.

Clergy, religious, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare/health/development in a safe /caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Committee will promote safeguarding throughout the Parishes by overseeing safe recruitment procedures, by the delivery of training courses/information sessions/guidance/advice and will ensure adherence to the Diocesan Policy and Procedures by annual audits and parish visitations.

*William Keane*

### Safe Recruitment

Safe care starts with the appointment of suitably qualified, skilled and vetted personnel suitable for the role that they are being asked to undertake.

applicants who might pose a risk to children. That all forms (Declaration, vetting, confidentiality, and proof of identity) are in place.

Safe recruitment means that:  
All reasonable steps are taken to ensure that the Church eliminates

The Church is committed to the policy of inclusion and equality

Diocesan Safeguarding website  
[www.safeguardingchildrenclayne.ie](http://www.safeguardingchildrenclayne.ie)

For Policy, Procedures, Forms, Information,  
Vetting Forms & other aspects relating to  
Safeguarding Children.

### Vetting

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A person must be vetted who is a: Priest, Minister, or Other who engages in the advancement of religious beliefs to children and vulnerable adults.

or who has necessary and regular contact with children or vulnerable adults through his/her ministry, work or activity in the diocese /parish/ school/diocesan agency/etc.

or whose ministry, work, activity, includes the coaching, mentoring, counselling, teaching or training of children or vulnerable adults. This applies regardless of whether this ministry, work, activity is occasional or regular and necessary.

The Act makes it a criminal offence for a Church authority to commence the employment of an employee or engagement of a volunteer without first obtaining a vetting disclosure from the Bureau in respect of that person, where that employee or volunteer is undertaking relevant work or activities with children or vulnerable person.

### Retrospective Vetting

This is necessary for anyone engaged with children or vulnerable persons who have not previously been vetted and continue to work with them

### Vetting in the Cloyne Diocese

For Parishes / Diocesan Personnel  
[diocesanvet@cloynediocese.ie](mailto:diocesanvet@cloynediocese.ie).

For Schools:

[schoolsvet@cloynediocese.ie](mailto:schoolsvet@cloynediocese.ie)



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### Strategic Plan

The Diocesan Safeguarding Children Committee has put in place a Strategic Plan for 2017 to 2019 and can be viewed on the website.

### Conduct

Treat everyone with respect regardless of ability, ethnic origin or cultural background. • Treat all property with respect; • Be fair and honest in all dealings • Act as good role models • Use Language to build up and encourage.

National Board for Safeguarding Children:  
[www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

### Pope Francis

“Thousands of children have fallen into the hands of gangs, criminal organisations and merchants of death, who only devour and exploit their neediness” ..... “the sufferings, the experiences and the pain of children who were abused sexually by priests. It is a sin that shames us. Persons responsible for the protection of those children destroyed their dignity. We regret this deeply and we beg forgiveness. We join in the pain of the victims and weep for this sin. The sin of what happened, the sin of failing to help, the sin of covering up and denial, the sin of the abuse of power. The Church also weeps bitterly over this sin of her sons and she asks forgiveness. Today, as we commemorate the feast of the Holy Innocents, I would like us to renew our complete commitment to ensuring that these atrocities will no longer take place in our midst. Let us find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated. In this area, let us adhere, clearly and faithfully, to “zero tolerance”. Letter to Bishops 2016

### REPORTING

If a person has a Safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation of child abuse, contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person and or Gardaí and TUSLA

**Designated Liaison Person (DLP):** 086-0368999 Email: [dlp@cloynediocese.ie](mailto:dlp@cloynediocese.ie)

#### An Garda Síochána

For allegations that relate to clerics/religious: 01-6663430 or 01-6663435

For allegations that do not relate to clerics/religious: Local Garda Station

#### Tusla

Cobh/Middleton/Macroom areas : 021-4927000

Mallow/Fermoy areas : 022-54100

### Vulnerable Persons

Under new Legislation a

definition of Vulnerable

Persons has been

devised. Those working

with or ministering to

Vulnerable Persons must

be Garda Vetted before

they undertake this work

or ministry. Check out

Diocesan website for

Interim Diocesan Policy.

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