



## CLOYNE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COMMITTEE

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **Section 5 Communicating the Church's Safeguarding Message**

#### **Q.13. We don't have altar servers in our parish. Do we still have to hold information meetings?**

Yes! Cloyne diocesan policy Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Cloyne (p.70) and The Standards and Guidance Document from the National Board for Safeguarding Children require:

- ❖ Dissemination of information on safeguarding children and circulation of information widely to the public, especially among Church counseling agencies and parishes.
- ❖ Raising awareness of what safeguarding is, is also a requirement.

It is clear that holding information meetings at parish level is necessary. Information meetings are an essential instrument for building up and extending the Safeguarding Children Team in the Diocese. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is made up of all those who are trained and all those who attended information meetings.

(Providing CDSCC with statistics regarding the number in attendance enables us to assess how many are in the safeguarding team both at parish and at overall diocesan level).