

## CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF GALWAY, KILMACDUAGH & KILFENORA

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 have a suspicion, concern, knowledge, or allegation that a child is being or has been abused, please contact our Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

**Mr Kevin Duffy**  
**Diocesan Pastoral Outreach Centre, Newtownsmith, Galway**  
**Mob. 087 6141736**

If you wish to report directly to the statutory authorities, please contact either:

- An **Garda Síochána** at 1800 555 222, through the emergency number 999 or 112, or your local Garda station, or
- Your local **Tusla** Child and Family Agency Duty Social Worker at:  
Galway/Roscommon 091-546235; Mayo 094-9042030; Clare 061-482792.

On behalf of this Church body, as part of the Catholic Church in Ireland, I commit to safeguarding children by agreeing to follow this Child Safeguarding Policy. I will abide by and uphold the seven standards and the applicable indicators in our entire ministry and contacts with children.

**Bishop Michael G. Duignan**

*On behalf of* the Diocese of Galway & Kilmacduagh  
& the Apostolic Administration of Kilfenora



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