

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 designated Diocesan 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