



## **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 and adult volunteers 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.

### **Commitment by the Augustinians**

On behalf of the Augustinians, 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 and adults at risk.

Fr. Tony Egan, Augustinian Provincial

12 January 2023

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of a child and/or an adult at risk while participating in church activities, please talk to us or access support through one of the other contact details below. You can also visit [www.augustinians.ie](http://www.augustinians.ie) for more information and view a copy of our Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Interim Policy and a copy of our Tusla 'Child Safeguarding Statement'.

### **Augustinian Safeguarding Officer (Children & Adults)**

**Avril Halley (086 1721736) [Safeguarding@augustinians.ie](mailto:Safeguarding@augustinians.ie)**

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### **Augustinian Designated Liaison Person: (Concerns / Allegations):**

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**TUSLA - Child & Family Agency:** HSE Building Ballycummin Avenue,  
Raheen Business Park, Raheen, Limerick (061 482792)

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Weekdays. Out of Hours (Nightly 6pm-6am & Weekends 9am-5pm) for Mandated Persons only (0818776315).

[www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)

**HSE- National Safeguarding Office** (061 461358)-(Adult)Abuse which poses an immediate danger –call the Garda confidential line 1800 666 111.

**Gardaí:** Garda National Protective Services Bureau (01 6663430/1) or Confidential Freephone 24/7 (1800 555 222). [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)