

In 2016, The Daughters of the Cross of Liege in Ireland committed to the:

**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 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 interest and prevents abuse.

Below are the contact details if you have any protection concerns or wish to report an allegation of abuse:

DLP:	Sr. Anne Kelly Sr. Kathleen McKenna	01 2887401/ 01 2887315
Gardaí:	An Garda Síochána Garda Victim Liaison Officer Garda Headquarters Harcourt Square Dublin 2 Local Garda Station Blackrock Garda Station	01 666 3344 01 666 5200
Child Protection Service	TUSLA Child and Family Agency Block D Parkgate Business Centre Parkgate Street Dublin 8 Local duty Social Worker The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI)	01 635 2854 01 280 8403 01 505 3124

This policy applies to all Church bodies and is addressed to all Church personnel who are required to comply with it. Full understanding of and adherence to this policy should lead to a deepening in the understanding of, and respect for, the rights of children and young people to participate as people of faith in the life of the Church.

The care and protection of children involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church, and is a requirement that applies regardless of the nature of the Church activities in which children are involved. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in creating an environment in which children can develop and be safe.

The Daughters of the Cross of Liège will implement this policy by ensuring that all our ministry and activities comply with applicable indicators of the seven safeguarding standards:

1. Creating and Maintaining Safe environments
2. Procedures for responding to child protection suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations.
3. Care and support for the complainant.
4. Care and management of the respondent.
5. Training and support for keeping children safe.
6. Communicating the Church's safeguarding message.
7. Quality assuring compliance with the standards.

Commitment by the Church Authority

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.

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11-12-2016

Church Authority Signature

Date

On Behalf of Daughters of the Cross of Liège

**For the procedures to implement the Child Safeguarding Policy,
The Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liège follows the guidance
of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in
Ireland, (NBSCCCI) available here: www.safeguarding.ie/index.php/guidance**

