



MEDICAL MISSIONARIES of MARY

MMM IRELAND CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

As Medical Missionaries of Mary in Ireland, we commit ourselves to the fulfilment of Christ's healing mission 'that the world may have life and have it in its fulness'. Situated in the world of health and medicine, we strive to promote the wholeness of persons and of their milieu, with a particular concern for the care of mother and child, and the fostering of family life. (MMM Consts 9.7)

MMM Ireland is committed to ensuring that all ministry with children, carried out by Sisters, associates, staff and volunteers, is safe, through the implementation of 'A Safe and Welcoming Church: Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2024', issued by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland. www.safeguarding.ie

The Gospel teaches the importance of ensuring that the Catholic Church community is a warm, welcoming and safe place for children. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Mark 10:14-15) Children are gifts from God; to be cherished and recognised for the joyful contribution they make as valued members of the Church. MMM pledges to safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. MMM ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights.

Consistent with Gospel values, with civil and criminal law, and with canon law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus. We are committed

- To educate our personnel by clarifying how they are expected to behave, and how to deal with concerns, suspicions, allegations or incidents of abuse or neglect.
- To uphold the integrity of MMM Ireland and our mission by modelling best practice.
- To promote high quality safeguarding procedures in all projects and activities.

MMM Ireland makes it mandatory upon all members to familiarise themselves with the Congregation's Child Safeguarding & Vulnerable Adults Policy 2024.

In addition, MMM Ireland has appointed a Designated Liaison Person and Deputy Designated Liaison Person to take responsibility for:

- ❖ Ensuring that all concerns, suspicions, knowledge and allegations are dealt with in an immediate, compassionate, confidential and responsible manner.
- ❖ Following Procedures
- ❖ Ensuring the Civil and Church authorities, appropriate statutory bodies and Congregational Leadership Team are informed.

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