

Risk Assessment



The Augustinian Risk Assessment Policy was deemed complaint by Tusla (Child & Family Agency) on November 11th 2022. In Section 11(6) Tusla wishes to bring to our attention the requirement to display the Statement in a prominent place in each Church.

The front page is to be visible with a comment to be attached stating that copies are available on request. This statement is also available on the Augustinian website. Tony Murphy was complimented on the tremendous work done on the Risk Assessment and Management. A risk assessment form must be completed prior to every children's activity before commencement of the activity, it must be dated and signed by the person responsible for its completion with their full name, no initials. All completed risk assessment forms are to be kept at local level.

Updated Church Notice

The updated Church Notice which includes the Provincial's signed commitment and relevant details were sent out to all Priors.

Blessing



*In times of disappointment
bless us with faith.*

*In times of struggle
bless us with hope.*

*In times of uncertainty
bless us with the assurance
of your overshadowing presence.*

*Bless us with trust
to sustain us on the journey.
Amen.*



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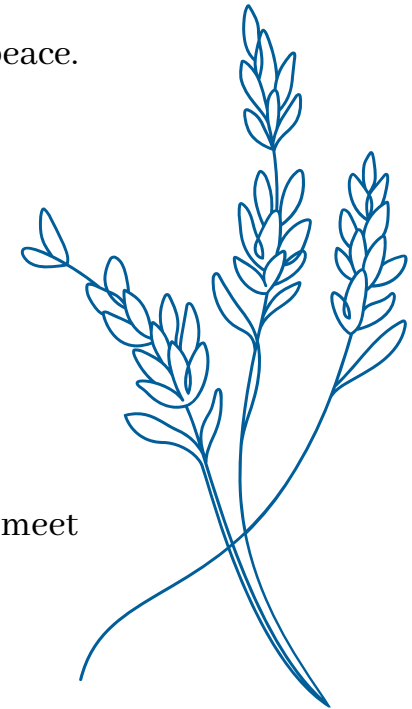
Loving God

Alive in the Risen Lord lift my spirit,
to receive the gift of this new day.
Shine in my heart and on my life
with your radiant glory,
filling me with joy, renewed hope, and peace.

Draw me into your circle of light,
so that I may be wide awake
to recognise your presence
in all aspects of life around me.

Breathe new life
into my thoughts, and into my actions.
Revive my spirit
so that I may shine your light upon all I meet
as I journey throughout each day.

In the Risen Lord, I pray



Some excerpts from the National Board's Review report on the Order of Saint Augustine 2022



In 2013 the Local Safeguarding Group was established in each location throughout the Province. The Order has a Safeguarding Development Group in place since early 2016, in which year it met on five occasions. This is comprised of six LSR, a school chaplain, and the Prior Provincial. The Safeguarding Officer / Trainer attends SDG meetings in an ex officio capacity. These two

measures ensured that the OSA's had the required structures in place to roll out their implementation of Safeguarding Children 2016 Policy when it came into operation. The SDG has adopted and integrated appropriate National Board guidance. The Order has generated a range of its own forms and explanatory documents, all of which can be accessed on its website.

The SDG does not have representation from all Augustinian locations, which is an issue that is being addressed within the Order. (If you are interested in joining the SDG, why not discuss that with your fellow LSG members and the Prior/PP.)

The OSAs have an annual Network meeting of all friars and volunteers, established in 2017, which takes the form of a conference with keynote speakers. This event facilitates people involved in safeguarding within the Order to meet and share ideas and experiences.

Part of the Conclusion of the Review

The reviewers want to commend the work undertaken by the Prior Provincial, the Order's DLP, the two committees, and the local Safeguarding Personnel in the much-improved response to complainants, including the use of mediation in the development of fair and balanced outcomes for them.

A very positive review which shows the great work achieved over the last few years. It is now the challenge of the present safeguarding teams to continue the good work as we must always remain vigilant. Avril Halley.



Safeguarding Training

Information awareness/Refresher and Full days training has taken place in the following locations since October 2022;

- **Galway**, 27th October 2022– information/awareness for volunteers, and a section of the full day with the two novices – part two the rest of the full day's training continued in January 2023.
- **Drogheda**, 10th November – information/awareness
- **Dungarvan**, 17th November – refresher
- **Fethard**, 24th February 2023 – refresher
- **Limerick**, 21st February – information
- **Ballyboden**, 22nd February – information
- **Cork**, dates for a full session on the 26th May with an information morning to take place on the 27th May.



Safeguarding Development Group

Membership consist of Fr. Tony Egan (Provincial) Lorraine Collins (Chair, Drogheda) Nuala Fahey (Minute taker, Dungarvan) Fr. Michael Collender (Chaplain Good Counsel), Mary Byrne, Debbie Callanan (Cork), Mary Healy (Fethard), Avril Halley (Safeguarding Officer/Trainer).

The SDG committee have met seven times since September 2022 via Zoom with an average attendance of 90% of the committee. A range of topics were consisted that are briefly profiled below.

The NBSCCCI Review was discussed at a number of meetings and the final report was well received. Draft Social Media guidelines were updated and completed subject to legal review.

Safeguarding Development Plan - The actions within the previous plan which are ongoing were carried forward to the June 2023 -May 2026 and further actions will be added as necessary.