

## **Welcome**

The *National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland* has developed comprehensive safeguarding standards which are designed to support best practice in providing safe environments and child protection procedures. The diocese of Achonry has adopted these standards and is committed to maintaining the highest standards in our ministry with children.

All clergy, staff and volunteers in the diocese must adhere to these standards and act at all times to create safe environments for children and ensure that all concerns are responded to appropriately.

We welcome all feedback on Safeguarding in the Diocese of Achonry.

If you have any questions/queries on Safeguarding contact:

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## **Policy Statement**

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 in any form.