




# SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISHES

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Parish Catechist

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# Diocesan Safeguarding ROLE DESCRIPTION Parish Catechist

## ROLE PURPOSE

- To work with children/young people and alongside other volunteers in the Parish for the preparation of candidates for the Sacraments and to offer religious education.
- To be familiar with CSSA national policies and support safeguarding practices, ensuring they are followed during activities. There should be a minimum of two volunteers for each session.

## MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- To work with the Parish Priest and other volunteers in the Parish with catechesis activities and contribute to the planning required.
- To arrange for parents/carers to be informed of the catechesis activities, its content and aims through meetings and planning preparations.
- To prepare the venue and ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children and young people.
- To maintain appropriate boundaries and facilitate a safe and supportive environment.
- To refer and concerns or allegations about a child, young person, or adult at risk to the Parish Priest, Parish Safeguarding Representative or the Safeguarding Office.
- To complete role relevant CSSA Learning Management System e-learning as guided by the Safeguarding Office and access regular training opportunities where available internally and externally of the diocese.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

- The ability to relate and interact with children/young people in a respectful and confident manner.
- To enjoy working with children/young people and demonstrating commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the ethos of the parish.
- Availability to assist with activity planning, preparations, and meetings.
- A willingness to attend relevant training to assist with the catechesis of children/young people in the parish.
- Volunteers must be over 18 years of age

### DBS

This role is subject to an enhanced DBS. This role should not be taken up until the volunteer has completed the DBS process, and a letter of appointment has been received from the Safeguarding Office.

Responsible to: Parish Priest,  
Safeguarding Office & Activity Leader

# REPORTING PROCESS

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can also contact Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) by telephoning 0207 901 1920 or via email at [admin@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](mailto:admin@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

## Diocesan Safeguarding Office



Curial Office, 2 Park Road South,  
Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4UX.



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# WORDS FROM BISHOP MARK DAVIES

“Safeguarding is a task and commitment to which every member of the Church is called. Safeguarding is part of proclaiming the Gospel, for in all our efforts to care and protect the most vulnerable we give witness to Christ. The same Jesus, the Eternal Son of God who became vulnerable and defenceless as a tiny child entrusted to Our Lady and Saint Joseph.

Today we can be grateful for so many in our Shrewsbury Diocese who serve the Church's mission in safeguarding, helping to make the home and family of the Church the safest of places for the young and the most vulnerable. We are thankful too for the invaluable network of volunteers and team of professionals at parish and diocesan level who help us all put safeguarding into practice in our communities and remind us of our shared responsibilities.

With my thanks to everyone who is part of the Church's safeguarding mission today.

*Bishop Mark Davies*



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