



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Child Protection Policy and Procedures for the Diocese of Meath

The Diocese of Meath recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children and is committed to ensuring their safety and well-being. The Diocese values and encourages the participation of children in parish liturgies and in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

The Diocese recognises the need to protect children and aims to do this in a way that promotes their dignity and integrity as children of God. While child protection is everyone's responsibility, all involved in working with children have a special duty of care towards them.

The Diocese has put procedures in place through which this care is put into effect. All clergy, staff and volunteers are required to comply with the policy procedures and practices outlined in the policy document, which can be accessed at www.dioceseofmeath.ie

If you have a concern about a child protection issue

o You may contact our Parish Representatives through the Parish Office (046-9027518):

Marie Keegan Finn
Damien Cordial
Eamonn Falahee
Geraldine Moroney

o You can contact the Diocesan Delegate Fr Seán Henry, at:

086 157 4774 or

delegate@dioceseofmeath.ie

o You can report your concern directly to the Health Services Executive or An Garda Síochána.

If the matter relates to Church personnel, the Diocesan Delegate must be informed.

Copies of St. Mary's Parish Safeguarding Policy are available from the Parish Office, the Church sacristies, and on-line at www.navanparish.ie