

SAFEGUARDING

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER



PEOPLE, POLICIES AND PROCESSES

In the past few months I have sent out to all parishes and communities the information around training and police vetting. Thank you to those parishes who have responded with amendments and edits as well as sending through the police vetting forms.

Resources that you may require are on the Catholic Diocese of Auckland website and on the majority of parish websites. Please let me know if you require any assistance.

Safeguarding is every one's responsibility within the Diocese and if we consider the Safeguarding 3 P's and trust the process we will be well on our way.

PEOPLE. Our greatest asset in the Diocese is its people. These people include our parishioners, volunteers, clergy, religious, parish staff and diocesan staff. We need all these people with their strengths and skills to support a Diocese as large as Auckland.

In order to support all these people in whatever role they play, we rely on the policy and processes we have available to ensure everyone's safety.

Along with this we provide ongoing training to ensure that anyone who comes into contact with children, youth and vulnerable adults has the knowledge to keep all our people safe including themselves. For those who have yet to attend the training please find the details below and let me know if you would like to join us.



SAFEGUARDING SEMINAR

for all who work, minister or volunteer with children, youth and vulnerable adults

Saturday 9 November

10am to 12pm

at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street,
Ponsonby, Auckland 1011

Attendance records will be taken on the day.
Parishes/Communities to indicate numbers attending by
emailing Lisa-May Gray at Lisam@cda.org.nz

POLICY. We are fortunate enough to have policies and standards to guide safeguarding practices, nationally and within the diocese.

The safeguarding standards form the foundations of our work to protect our children, youth and vulnerable adults. Seeing everything through a safeguarding lens when planning any new initiative is vital if we are going to make a difference.

In the past weeks I have had an opportunity to visit parish communities to start robust conversations around safeguarding and what it means for that parish. Whether urban, rural, large or small, parishes and communities all have the responsibility to play their part to build the Safeguarding Culture in the Diocese. I look forward to visiting more parishes in the future.

PROCESSES. In order to ensure that safeguarding practices are followed and become business as usual, there is an expectation that we all, including our volunteers follow a set of processes.

Once training has been completed it is then a requirement that all volunteers agree to the police vetting process. The only exception being in the case of Registered School teachers, and Social Workers where part of their registration Police vetting is completed.

The next part of the process is the signing of the "Code of Conduct for Employees and Volunteers" that sets out the expectations of behaviour.

I know that the idea of police vetting and signing a Code of Conduct may raise concerns for some, however these processes are vital to safeguarding. If you have any questions around this please don't hesitate in calling me.

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