

# SAFEGUARDING NEWS

## January 2019

### Safeguarding Team

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Local Safeguarding Representatives:	There are currently 104 LSR's throughout the Diocese of Ferns.



Members of the Safeguarding Committee 2016/2017. Back left to right: Fr Brian Broaders, Tom Murphy, Bernadette Denby, Eithne Murphy, Margaret Keogh, Muriel Byrne. Front left to right Ellis Teal, Bishop Denis Brennan, Una Murphy, Fr Gerry O'Leary and Colette O'Doherty. (Missing is Fr Aodhán Marken and Dervla Tierney)

### SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE 2019

We are sad to say goodbye to our long standing Chairperson Fr Gerry O'Leary who has retired from the position. Fr Gerry has dedicated 13 years to the Safeguarding Committee and was a member since its initiation in 2006. We are sorry to lose Fr Gerry but are delighted he will be staying on as a valued member of the training team.

We are delighted to welcome Dervla Tierney as the new Chairperson of the Safeguarding Committee. Dervla has been a very active member of the Safeguarding Committee for the last few years as well as a Safeguarding Representative for St Aidan's parish. She also became a Trainer for the Diocese in 2017. We are also delighted to welcome Fr Odhrán Furlong and Terry McNamee onto the Safeguarding Committee.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

It is a couple of years since putting a Newsletter together so we have plenty of news and updates for you all. The last two years have been active and progressive both in training and parish visits which has afforded me the opportunity to meet so many of you. This year, the focus is to continue with the Parish Visits and continue to be of support to all our existing and new Safeguarding Representatives. I am always on the end of the phone should you have any questions and I look forward to meeting you all at some stage.

*Colette O'Doherty : Safeguarding Co-Ordinator*

### TRAINING & INFORMATION SESSIONS

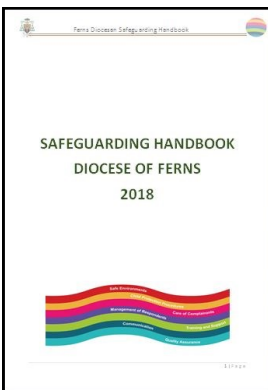
During the last two years we set a target of providing Diocesan Information and Practical Training to all volunteers and youth workers within the Church. These sessions took place in Hotels in Wexford, Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross and we delivered the training to over **400** volunteers, clergy and Local Safeguarding Reps. Many thanks due to our wonderful trainers Fr Aodhán Marken, Fr Gerry O'Leary and Dervla Tierney and the many Reps who acted as Hosts for the training.

### PARISH VISITS 2018-2020

Parish Visits started in 2018 and has been such a great opportunity for me to answer some of the parish related questions you have as well as an opportunity to go through the Audit and discuss how each of the questions relate directly to each parish set up. Around the table are the Priest(s), Parish Reps and in a lot of cases the Parish Secretaries. We hold our discussions over a cup of tea in a very relaxed way and I highly recommend each parish to book a date for same. The feedback from everyone so far is that the parish visits provides the space for a more in-depth chat and allows for all burning questions to be addressed. If you want to book a parish visit please ring the safeguarding office on 053-9174972.



**Should you have any safeguarding/  
child protection concerns please contact :**  
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## Safeguarding Handbook for 2018

To provide everyone with a quick reference on the key safeguarding questions, we developed a Safeguarding Handbook in 2017 which is available on our website [www.ferns.ie/safeguardingforms](http://www.ferns.ie/safeguardingforms). It is a great resource for all and is updated annually. It is now used as a training tool and the feedback is that it is a more practical application of some of the key procedures and answers some of the most frequently asked questions we receive here in the safeguarding office.



## SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP

You might remember that a youth group called Spirit was launched by the Diocese in 2015 as a pilot project for 2 years. The initiative was such a success that it is now taken over by the Wexford parish. A Youth Leadership Course is commencing on the 28th of February 2019 to train other parishes to start up a Spirit Youth Group. The parishes attending the course are Wexford, New Ross, Enniscorthy and Kilymshall/Bunclody Parishes. It is a 10 week course with all participants being funded by their respective parishes. This is a very exciting development and we look forward to plenty of our young people being not only Spirit Members but also active participants in their Parishes through the John Paul II Awards. If you would like to be a leader in a Spirit Youth Group or are interested in setting up a Spirit Youth Group please ring the Safeguarding Office on 053-9174972

## Diocese of Ferns Website



The Safeguarding Section of the Diocesan Website has been updated to make it more accessible and easier to use.

All the most frequently used forms, posters and leaflets are listed within their own section. These can be easily downloaded and printed directly as required. All can be posted on request also. It is being updated both nationally and locally on an ongoing basis and should provide you with all you need to know to safeguard your parish and youth activities. If however you cannot find what you are looking for, just give the safeguarding office a ring on 053-9174972.



Spirit Members and their Leaders who served as Eucharistic Ministers at the Papal Mass in Phoenix Park during World Meeting of Families 2018

## Finally.....

I would like to take the opportunity to thank each of you for your valuable support to the Diocese. The role of Safeguarding could not be done without each and everyone one of you. Your commitment enables joyful participation in all activities of the Church for every member of our community. May God continue to bless us in our work and I wish for each of you a very blessed 2019

May our work excite our hearts,  
Kindle in our mind a creativity  
To journey beyond the old limits  
Of all that has become wearisome.  
May the work fit the rhythms of our soul,  
Enabling us to draw from the invisible  
New ideas and a vision that will inspire.  
May we come to know, that work,  
Which emerges from the mind of love  
Will have beauty and form.  
May this work be worthy  
Of the energy of our hearts  
And the light of our thoughts.

Amen



If anyone would like to discuss any of the topics in this Newsletter or find out more about Safeguarding please contact: Colette O'Doherty; Safeguarding Co-Ordinator on 053-9174972

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