

## Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children

### Policy Statement of the Redemptorists in Ireland

**A**LL Redemptorists, as well as their co-workers and volunteers, value and encourage the participation of children and young people in their pastoral ministry and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development. They recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to their support and safeguarding.

Redemptorists undertake to do all in their power to create a safe environment for children and young people and to ensure their protection from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

The Redemptorists are committed to:

1. **Best practice** in ensuring the safeguarding of children and young people, protecting their rights and promoting their welfare.
2. **Minimising risks** in order to safeguard the interests of children and young people.
3. **Ensuring** that all Redemptorists, and their paid employees and volunteers, are carefully recruited, selected, trained, supported and supervised.
4. **Ensuring** that all Redemptorists, their paid employees and volunteers are aware of, trained in and work to the Code of Behaviour for Children
5. **Supporting** all victims of abuse.
6. Working closely with statutory authorities to ensure that all allegations of abuse are dealt with **justly and promptly**.

**If you have any concerns about the welfare of children or young people, please contact one of the following:**

**Designated Officer**

Mr Phil Mortell

Tel: 061-327184

Mobile: 087-2252415

**Local Safeguarding Representative**

Tel:

Mobile:

This Policy for safeguarding the welfare of children aims to ensure a safe environment, where risks are minimised, where those affected by abuse are supported, where offenders are brought to account and where all allegations are dealt with justly and promptly.