

St Patrick's Missionary Society Safeguarding Children Statement

St Patrick's Missionary Society values and encourages the participation of children and young people in promoting all its activities including retreats, liturgies and activities which enhance their spiritual, emotional, social and intellectual development, and will work in a partnership way with their parents at all times.

The Gospel of Christ invites us to welcome, cherish and affirm each child as a gift from God with an inherent right to dignity of life and bodily integrity which will be respected, nurtured and protected by all. In keeping with this we in St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan undertake to do all in our power to create a safe environment where the welfare of children and young people is paramount.

PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL AUTHORITIES

St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan is committed to working in partnership with the Civil Authorities to ensure that all aspects of children are managed properly, professionally and justly. We will adhere to statutory policy, notably "Children First": National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children (1999). All child protection concerns shall be reported to the Civil Authorities without delay.

PROCEDURES

St Patrick's Missionary Society is committed to following best practice as specified by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCC). Our Society Child Protection Policy and Procedures are set out in our '*Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Children*' July 2010.

Signed :

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If you have a concern regarding the safeguarding of children please contact:

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