

Our Core Safeguarding message

- We regard as our paramount concern the safety of children and vulnerable adults.
- We demonstrate zero tolerance of abuse.
- We report all allegations of abuse to the statutory authorities.
- We show compassion for all who have suffered experience of abuse.
- We acknowledge and learn from our past failings.
- We open our safeguarding procedures to independent scrutiny.
- We provide training and support to all who are responsible for safeguarding.
- Together we commit to continuous improvement in our safeguarding practice.

IN GOD'S IMAGE has been published to explain and to direct the approach to safeguarding that must be followed throughout the Catholic Church in Scotland.

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Our Safeguarding Standards

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Creating and maintaining safe Church environments

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Safely recruiting clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers

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Responding to safeguarding concerns and allegations of abuse

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Providing care and support for those who have experienced abuse

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Managing and providing care for respondents to allegations of abuse

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Working together to develop a culture of care

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Training and support for all responsible for safeguarding

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Planning for continuous improvement in safeguarding



IN GOD'S IMAGE elaborates on each standard and provides detailed guidance on the procedures to be followed and on the evidence that will demonstrate compliance.

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