

**UPDATED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY
FOR SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS
REVISED DECEMBER 2013**

We the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, recognise the personal dignity and rights of children and of vulnerable adults towards whom we have a special responsibility and duty of care, We undertake to do all in our power to create a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults and to protect them from any form of abuse, neglect or bullying. We will liaise closely with Church and statutory agencies to ensure that any allegation of abuse are promptly and properly dealt with, victims supported and perpetrators held to account and assisted to live offence free lives.

Each Community in the Dublin Diocese has the shortened copy of the "Child Safeguarding and Protection Service" produced by the Dublin Diocese and two Sisters working in the Dublin Diocese are updating themselves in Child Protection. This course is being held in the early spring. The Sisters working in the North of Ireland have copies of "Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People" produced by the Diocese of Down & Connor and they attend courses to update themselves in this. They continue to observe the National Board's Policy.

We are beginning to update ourselves with how to produce a policy for the carers who assist with our elderly and vulnerable Sisters in Churchtown but we are still working on this.

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