Policy Statement

Safeguarding in the English Speaking Catholic Community in Luxembourg
within St. Alphonse Catholic Church

Every human being has a value which we acknowledge as coming directly from God's creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. We believe therefore that all people should be valued, supported and protected from harm. We recognise the personal dignity and rights of vulnerable people towards whom the Church has a special responsibility.

The English-Speaking Catholic Community in Luxembourg in the Church of St. Alphonse is committed to maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding and will practise fully and positively Christ's Ministry in relation to children and adults at risk at all times and to responding sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to keep them safe from harm. This is demonstrated by the provision of carefully planned activities for children, young people and adults, caring for those hurt by abuse and ministering to and robustly managing those who have caused harm.

We, the people of the English-speaking Catholic community at St. Alphonse Luxembourg, strive to build a society where awareness, alertness and transparency are at the core of our safeguarding policies.

The Church authorities always report allegations of abuse to the statutory agencies to ensure that they are dealt with promptly and properly, and where appropriate, perpetrators are held to account. The Church will act in an open, transparent and accountable way in working in partnership with social care services, the Police, health agencies, probation services and other relevant agencies to safeguard children and adults at risk and assist in bringing to justice anyone who has committed an offence against a child or adult.

If you have any concerns about a child or adult, you believe to be at risk of abuse, then you should contact the police and/or local social services or by dialling 113 (in cases of immediate danger)

Or contact one of the following people within this parish for advice and information: -

Fr. Ed Hone (Parish Priest) ………………………………… *(691 217 713)*
Kevin Pagnon …………………………………………………… (661 987340*)*
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