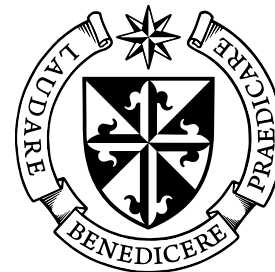


# Guidance 9

## Sacristy Safeguarding Protocol

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It is the responsibility of the Prior or Superior to ensure that in every sacristy an identified person is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Protocol and the maintenance of the Sacristy Register.

Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in the life of the Dominican Community and their welfare is promoted by observing the following protocol:

- All Dominican friars, sacristans, altar servers and other persons involved in any form of ministry must sign the Sacristy Register Book.
- Visiting priests must show a valid celebret and a letter of good standing from their Ordinary (such as Bishop or Prior Provincial) to be recorded in the Sacristy Register.
- Other visiting religious or lay people involved in ministry will also have secured permission from the Prior Provincial and/or relevant diocesan bishop's office to be involved in ministry within that diocese.
- Visiting priests and any other persons involved in any form of ministry will show confirmation that they have been vetted by the Dominican Province through the diocese where the house is located.
- Other persons should not be left alone with children in the sacristy.

