



Three-Year Child Safeguarding Plan

Irish Dominican Province

May 2022 – December 2025

Standard 1: Creating & Maintaining Safe Environments

Objective 1: Review and Revise Dominican Child Safeguarding Policy & Procedures (2010) in line with National Standards

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP	1. Review Dominican Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedure Handbook (2020)	March 2020	September 2022

Objective 2: Ensure Safe Recruitment Procedures and Practices are in Place

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP	1. Review current recruitment procedures for all relevant personnel	March 2020	March 2023
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP Provincial/ Provincial Secretary/Provincial Council Priors and Bursars	1. Ensure recruitment procedures and practices are implemented	March 2020	Ongoing
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP Provincial/ Provincial Secretary/Provincial Council Priors and Bursars	2. To consider introduction of role of Local Safeguarding Representatives	September 2022	To be agreed

Objective 3: Ensure Proper Vetting Procedures are in Place

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Provincial/Provincial Secretary Priors/Superiors Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP Local Diocesan vetting personnel	1. Identify those requiring vetting, (for e.g., all Dominican clergy, staff, lay and volunteers engaged in pastoral/public/ ministry with children, young people & vulnerable adults)	Immediate	Ongoing
Safeguarding Committee Provincial/Provincial Secretary Priors and Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP	2. Agree vetting sharing arrangements and/or ensure agreements are in place with all Dioceses where a Dominican Priory is located.	Immediate	Ongoing
Provincial Secretary Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP Local Diocesan vetting personnel	3. Carry out ongoing vetting	Immediate	Ongoing

Objective 4: Ensure that Safe Arrangements are in Place for Visiting Clergy or Persons in any Form of Consecrated Life

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Provincial/Provincial Secretary/ Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP	1. Ensure that arrangements, practices and policies are clearly understood and in place (see Dominican Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures Handbook 2020 re same)	Immediate	Ongoing
Priors and Superiors	1. Ensure Procedures and Practices are implemented.	Immediate	Ongoing

Objective 5: Ensure the Safe Use of Dominican Church Property by External Groups Complies with Effective Child Safeguarding Practice

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP/ Provincial/Provincial Council/Priors and Superiors.	1. To provide briefing, update and related Form re use of Dominican Church property/halls/retreat centres by external groups at Priors and Bursars meeting.	May 2022	March 2023
Provincial and Provincial Council Priors/Superiors Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP	2. Ensure use and completion of Use of Dominican church property/halls/retreat centres etc. for External groups Form on an annual basis.	September 2022	Annually

Standard 5: Training & Support

Objective 1: Ensure that all Dominican Church Personnel receive appropriate training in Church Safeguarding

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP NBSCCCI Trainer/s as relevant	1. Provide induction/full day/information /refresher session for all Dominican friars, students, staff, and volunteers engaged in youth ministry and/or as required.	December, 2022	January 2025

Standard 6: Communicating the Dominican Church's Safeguarding Message

Objective 1: Develop communication plan/strategy.

Responsibility	Action	Implementation Date	Review Date
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP	1. Plan for annual Safeguarding Sunday in consultation with Priors and Communities.	September 2022	January 2022 Annually
	2. Provide contact information for all safeguarding personnel	Ongoing	Annually
	3. Review and/or update safeguarding information on Dominican website	Ongoing	
	4. Prepare and approve communication plan for each year	January 2022	Annually
Safeguarding Committee Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP Provincial/Provincial Council Priors and Communities	5. Implement Safeguarding Sunday/s and safeguarding communication plan	September 2022	Annually

Review date: December 2025