

Kildare Ministries and all who share in our work are committed to uphold the dignity of the human person and the right of every person to flourish in an environment that is safe and supportive, caring and compassionate, nurturing and life-affirming.

The ongoing safety and wellbeing of children and adults is an integral aspect of our work and is the primary focus of care and decision making, with particular attention paid to the safety and wellbeing of those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those of diverse sexuality, and those with a disability.

Kildare Ministries takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse and is committed to safeguarding children and adults from violence in all forms, including emotional, physical and sexual abuse as well as abuse resulting from exploitation, neglect and witnessing violence.

As part of this commitment, Kildare Ministries has adopted the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which are designed to:

- Create an environment where the safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk are the centre of thought, values and actions;
- Place emphasis on genuine engagement with and valuing of children and adults at risk;
- Create conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm to children and adults at risk;
- Create conditions that increase the likelihood of identifying any harm;
- Provide a framework for responding to any concerns, disclosures, allegations or suspicions of harm.

To this end, each board and ministry within Kildare Ministries ensures the establishment of Safeguarding frameworks, policies and procedures that actively embed a culture where the safety, wellbeing, and participation of all people under our care is paramount. Each of the boards for which the Trustees of Kildare Ministries the Company Member reports to us annually on progress in this regard.

This commitment is approved and endorsed by the Trustees of Kildare Ministries.



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