Commitment Statement

Safeguarding – Children & Young People

> Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;
> for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" Matthew 19:14

Created in the image of God, all children and young people are precious members of our community. Their voices must be heard, respected and valued.

We, the people of God in the Diocese of Port Pirie, are committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of every child and young person. We uphold the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and believe all children, mindful of the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people with disabilities, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, have the right to feel safe, happy and supported in the Church where all can flourish.

We uphold a zero-tolerance approach to any form of abuse, harm, neglect or discrimination. We are committed to implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and strengthening our safeguarding practices through regular review, formation and improvement.

Safeguarding children is a shared responsibility across our Diocese, supported by effective policies, clear expectations and a culture that ensures children and young people experience the Kingdom of God as a safe, secure and welcoming home. All clergy, religious, employees and volunteers are expected to act with integrity, uphold our commitment to safeguarding, and model behaviours that support the safety and wellbeing of every child and young person.

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