

## **SAFEGUARDING SUMMARY 2022/2023**

**Name:** Sandra Simpson

**Position:** Safeguarding Coordinator

**Responsibilities:** The safeguarding coordinator promotes the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults by ensuring the parish is a safe and secure environment for them. The responsibilities of the safeguarding coordinator are as follows:

- Advise the Parish Administrative Council on the safeguarding of children.
- Raise awareness of the safeguarding policy among pastoral workers.
- Liaise with the director of religious education to ensure that catechists complete safeguarding documentation and training.
- Lead the safeguarding response team when advising on any allegations.
- Ensure that the parish safeguarding policy is compliant with federal and cantonal law.

### **2022/2023 Update:**

- The safeguarding coordinator liaised with the director of education to ensure that:
  - required documentation and safeguarding training was completed by catechists.
  - the new code of conduct for leaders and participants in parish youth retreats was put in place.
- A safeguarding training session for catechists was held in September 2022.
- A sub-committee of the Parish Administrative Council was convened to update the parish safeguarding policy.

### **Targets for 2023/2024:**

The main aim for the coming year is to complete the update of the parish's safeguarding policy. The rationale for this update is:

- To ensure that the policy is in compliance with Geneva law.
- To reflect the content and the language of the Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg's Charter against Sexual Abuse.
- To streamline paperwork required by pastoral workers.