

St. John XXIII Parish at St. Nicolas de Flue Parish Administrative Council AGA 2024

Name: Sandra Simpson

Position: Safeguarding Coordinator

Description of function:

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.
- Liaise with the director of religious education on 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.

Key Accomplishments in 2023/24:

- A sub-committee of the Parish Administrative Council finalised a comprehensive update of the Parish's Safeguarding Policy. The policy was approved by the PAC and can be found on the parish website with other useful links. The updated policy now reflects the content and language of the Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg's Charter against Sexual Abuse and is in full compliance with Geneva law.
- The paperwork required by pastoral workers has been streamlined. A link to this personal declaration form can be found on the parish website.
- A safeguarding training session for catechists was held in September 2023.
- The safeguarding coordinator liaised regularly with the director of education to ensure that changes to the safeguarding policy are reflected in practice.
- The updated safeguarding policy and consent form has been communicated to outside organisations using Parish facilities.

Targets for 2024/25:

- Coordinate with the director of education and safeguarding training provider to ensure updated policy is well integrated in safeguarding training for pastoral workers