

St. John XXIII Parish at St. Nicolas de Flue Parish Administrative Council AGA 2025

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 (PAC) 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 2024/25:

- Liaised regularly with the Director of Religious Education and safeguarding training provider to ensure that the safeguarding training for pastoral workers reflects the safeguarding policy which was substantially updated in 2023/2034
- Attended parish safeguarding training in September 2024 to answer questions from pastoral workers.
- Communication of evolutions in the Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg's safeguarding approach to the PAC

Targets for 2025/26:

- Investigate Swiss federal and cantonal law on the legal obligation on reporting occurrences of child pornography to the police and update the safeguarding policy accordingly.
- Study the new Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg's Code de Conduite (30th October 2024) and recommend if changes are required to our safeguarding policy.
- Examine the updated prévention abus section of the Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg's website with a view to improving the parish website.