

Message from the Br Donatus Forkan, OH Provincial, Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, Western European Province:

We, Brothers of Saint John of God, believe that each person is the creation of God with intrinsic value and that our life's mission is to fulfil our role in achieving God's mission for all of creation.

The values and fundamental principles that guide our life in Community are found in the Gospels, the teachings of the Church and the example of our Founder.

Hospitality is the original and core value of the Order. In upholding this, we practice our espoused values of Hospitality, Compassion & Respect.

As a consequence, we uphold the sacredness of each person and are committed to ensuring that each person that we serve is safe and free from harm or abuse of any kind.

We uphold and practice our safeguarding policies and procedures throughout our Province. These are developed to reflect and comply with the National Legislation, Regulation and Guidance in place in each jurisdiction, the guidance and requirements of the Catholic Church and the guidance provided by our General Commission for Vulnerable Persons. These policies and procedures are kept under review and updated as required in accordance with changes, updates and learning in national and international best practice.

All our personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard through promoting the welfare, health and development of each person that we serve in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

We would urge anyone who has a safeguarding concern to come forward and contact the authorities or ourselves.



**Brother Donatus Forkan OH
Provincial**



If you have a safeguarding concern or allegation, our Designated Liaison Person (DLP), Dr Maria Corrigan can be contacted on Ph: 003531-5333311 or email: provincialdlp@sjog.ie

Our Safeguarding Representative in the United Kingdom (UK) is Br Robert Moore, Ph: 00447961276901, email: robertmoore@sjog.org.uk
Our Safeguarding Representative in Malawi is Br Samuel Mithi, Ph: 00265 991 275 468 email: mithi.samuel@yahoo.com

Important: If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the Police/Gardai, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in imminent danger.

Republic of Ireland Agencies Contact Details:

Towards Healing is an independent organisation that provides therapeutic services to people who have experienced hurt by religious or in religious run services in Ireland. These services are confidential and free of charge. Towards Healing can be contacted on

- Freephone 1800 303416 (Rep of Ireland)
- Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 0894556422
- Email us at info@towardshealing.ie

If you would like to contact the authorities in Ireland about a safeguarding concern or allegations, their contact details are:

- **An Garda Síochána:** Email: GNPSB_SCMU@garda.ie or Ph: 1800 555222 or any local Garda Station.
- **Tusla:** Child & Family Agency, Unit 9 Nutgrove Retail Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14. Ph: 01 9213400 or any local Tusla office. www.tusla.ie

United Kingdom (UK) Agencies Contact Details:

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales. UK Helpline 03003031056.

If you would like to contact the authorities in the UK about a safeguarding concern or allegations, their contact details are:

- **Religious Life Safeguarding Services (RLSS):** Contact the safeguarding team on 0044151 5562311 or via email safeguarding@religioussafeguarding.org.
- **UK Police**
 - Emergency Ph: 999, if you have a hearing or speech impairment, use their textphone service on 18000.
 - Non-Emergency Ph: 101, if you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service on [18001 101](tel:18001101).
 - For contact details of your local police services see www.police.uk

Other Therapeutic Supports:

The Order is committed to supporting individuals who have experienced hurt to access therapeutic services. If Towards Healing/Safe Spaces are not options for you or you are based in Malawi and you are seeking support, please contact our Designated Liaison Person (DLP), Dr Maria Corrigan on Ph: 003531-5333311 or email: provincialdlp@sjog.ie and we will endeavour to assist.