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Safeguarding Message July 2025

My Friends,

I write to update you on the ongoing developments in the Diocese of Cloyne in relation to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

On the 7th March, we all took part in the annual day of prayer for those who have suffered abuse. This day is marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday. We recognise the tragedy of abuse daily but on this day each year we set aside time to humbly pray for healing, reconciliation and the rebuilding of trust.

We are currently working on publishing our new and updated child friendly poster, in regard to the new and revised 2024 policy for, *A Safe and Welcoming Church, Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland*.

Monday 19th May in Vienna Woods hotel, members of the clergy gathered for up-to-date safeguarding training.

I can confirm our annual self-audit is completed for 2024 and the Cloyne Diocese is 100% compliant.

The NBSCCCI's child safeguarding conference for 2025 will take place in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, across the 3rd, 4th and 5th of September.

- The event will commence at 2pm Wednesday the 3rd, with an opening address moving into an afternoon of presentations before Mass in Peter & Paul's Church, Forthill House, the Batteries, Athlone (a 4 min walk from the hotel). The first day will close with dinner at 7pm
- A full day's conference will take place the following day, Thursday 4th September with an informal dinner in the evening
- The conference will conclude following lunch on Friday 5th September
- The theme of the Conference is "*Towards a restorative and transitional justice model of engaging with victims and survivors in the Catholic Church in Ireland*"

The Work of Safeguarding continues to ensure that young people can be active in the Church in a safe environment. I encourage Parishes to engage with young people that they may become involved in the Church. I thank everyone in the Diocese for their participation in Safeguarding.

With every good wish and blessing,

+ *Wm. Crean*

Most Rev William Crean, DD,
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