

## **Child Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Comboni Missionaries in Ireland**

The **Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus** as part of the Catholic Church in Ireland recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

The **Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus** (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment which supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

### **Details of personnel to contact if you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children**

*DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON:*

**Mr. Andrew Fagan,  
Director of Child Safeguarding and Protection Service,  
Archdiocese of Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre,  
Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 – Tel. 01 836 0314 / 0876853180**

*POLICE:* **An Garda Síochána – Tel. 01 666 3430 / 01 666 3435**  
As from March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 there is a 24/7 Garda Síochána dedicated telephone line for the reporting of child sexual abuse: **Freephone 1800 555 222.**

**Police Service of Northern Ireland – Tel. 0845 600 800**

*TULSA:* **Child and Family Agency – Dublin North City:  
Tel. 01 856 7704**

*NORTHERN IRELAND SOCIAL SERVICES:*

**Belfast HSC Trust – Gateway Team: Tel. 028 9050 7000 /  
Out-of-Hours Social Worker: 028 9056 5444**

**The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety  
[www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/child protection guidance](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/child-protection-guidance)**