

POLICY STATEMENT

1. **ARTICLE 1 OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE** **Policy Statement agreed by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland** **safeguarding the welfare of children, young people and** **vulnerable adults.**

"The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone.

It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations.

As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults."

1.1 ***Promoting the Policy Statement***

- This Policy Statement must be brought to the attention of all existing and new workers with children, young people and vulnerable adults, and they should be informed of any guidance or compulsory training available to help them to implement the Policy Statement.
- This Policy Statement should be clearly displayed in Parishes, Activities and Organisations. Doing so will give a clear message to the local community that the Church in Scotland cares deeply about all people.
- Contact details of individuals with specific responsibility for safeguarding, e.g. Parish Co-ordinator, National Co-ordinator, will also be on the visible statement of care.