

Sandoval, Celeste Maria (elected 2013, 2016)

Responsibility: Child Protection/Safeguarding

Description of functions:

The Safeguarding Coordinator (previously, Child Protection Coordinator) ensures the parish is a safe and secure place for children, young people and vulnerable adults, as we practice and live the faith with the following responsibilities.

1. Focal point for allegations of child abuse or neglect
2. Convene the child protection response team to manage and properly address allegations
3. Organize child protection training workshops open to other Christian communities in the Geneva area
4. Raise awareness of child protection policy and issues among youth workers and catechists
5. Liaise with REC coordinator to ensure that youth workers and catechists have filed personal forms and attend the training workshop at least once every 3 years
6. Liaise with local authorities responsible for child protection

Update:

- Coordinated with RE coordinator and the youth minister on ensuring the disclosure forms of the registered catechist volunteers are up-to-date and on the organisation of two Child Protection workshops for catechists and confirmation classes volunteers this year.
- An additional Child Protection workshop was organized for Couples for Christ, a lay group based in the parish, in preparation for their hosting a youth conference in Leysin (canton Vaud) this summer. (happening on 8 June)
- Website information on Child Protection was updated to reflect the new [Charter against sexual abuse \(French\)](#) established by the [Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg](#) on 1st January 2019 requiring all people who are serving the diocese to present a criminal record extract and a special extract, in addition to the Declaration Forms and three-yearly Child Protection workshop attendance that is currently required by the Parish for all people working with children and young people.
- The St John 23rd Parish Policy on safeguarding children and young people which underwent revision in 2016 remains valid and is due for review in June 2020.