

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 the **Director of Religious Education** to ensure that youth workers and catechists have filed **confidential declaration** forms, attend the training workshop at least once every 3 years **and comply with Diocesan requirements.**
6. Liaise with local authorities responsible for **safeguarding and** child protection

2020 Update:

- The St John 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish Policy on safeguarding children and young people which underwent revision in 2016 and validated in 2018, was slightly updated to reflect the new [Charter against sexual abuse \(French\)](#) established by the [Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg](#) on 1st January 2019 and the corresponding new requirements, updated the resources section and revised wording to reflect the new Director of Religious Education. The next policy review is due in June 2022. (specific changes to note: items 6, 9b, 9c, 12 until 15.)
- Coordinated with the Director of Religious Education on ensuring the disclosure forms of the registered catechist volunteers, the recently required volunteer extracts are up-to-date, and on the organisation of two Child Protection workshops for catechists and confirmation classes volunteers on 16<sup>th</sup> November and 22 January this year (June19-May20).
- The Parish began to take on the requirement for all people working with children and young people 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.

\*note too slight changes in texts above highlighted in yellow.