

St. John XXIII Parish Safeguarding Policy **--Confidential --** **Personal Declaration**

(translated and adapted from "Charte contre les abus sexuels" issued by the Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva & Fribourg)

As a volunteer or parish worker in direct contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults, I ensure their protection in the daily life of the organisation. This can include a variety of assemblies, parishes, youth groups, retreats etc. In order to do so:

- a) I respect and protect the spiritual, psychic, corporal and sexual integrity of every person in the organisation and I do not tolerate sexual abuse nor assaults.
- b) I have read and fully adhere to the St. John XXIII Parish Safeguarding Policy against sexual abuse as an integral part of my involvement in the parish, and I hereby make the commitment to inform the Geneva Service de Protection des Mineurs, and a member of the parish safeguarding team or the appropriate contact person in the diocese as soon as possible in case of observed or suspected abuse.
- c) I am committed to supporting the clarification of suspicions if I myself am implicated.
- d) I am committed to attending the Safeguarding training course provided by the parish and required by the diocese.

In addition to the personal declaration above, please answer the following questions:

1. Have you ever been convicted for any criminal offense? **(Y / N)**
If yes, please state the nature and date (s) of the offense (s) on a separate sheet.
2. Have you ever been cautioned by the police or bound over to keep the peace ? **(Y / N)**
3. Have you ever been found by a court to have caused significant harm to a child or young person under the age of 18 years, or has any such court made any order against you on the basis of any finding or allegation that any child or young person was at risk of significant harm from you? **(Y / N)**
4. Has your conduct ever caused or been likely to cause harm to a child or young person under the age of eighteen, or put a child or young person at risk of harm, or to your knowledge has it ever been alleged that your conduct has resulted in any of those things? **(Y / N)**
If yes, on a separate sheet, please give full details, state the nature and the date (s) of the alleged offence (s) and whether you were dismissed, disciplined, moved to other work or resigned from any paid or voluntary work as a result. .

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I am fully committed to the above personal declaration and declare that the above information (and on any attached sheets as applicable) are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand and fully adhere to the St. John XXIII Parish Safeguarding policy.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Nationality(ies): _____

Date of Birth dd/mm/yy: _____

Civil Status: _____

Profession: _____

Please supply us with the name and address of a referee* whom we may approach for a personal reference. (If you have any difficulties with this request, kindly contact safeguarding@johnxxiii.ch.)

Name of referee: _____

Email Address: _____

*This must be a person who has known you for at least 5 years, is not a relative and is a person of standing in the community (such as a doctor, a teacher, etc.)

Attended Child Protection Training on: _____

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