

**SAFEGUARDING AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE**  
**SOCIETY OF THE SACRED MISSION**  
**St Antony's Priory Durham, DH1 1QT**  
Charity Registration Number: 1101444

1. The Society of the Sacred Mission, St Antony's Priory Durham, is committed to:
  - The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults
  - The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
  - The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
  - Operating and implementing a safeguarding policy (a) in full alignment with 'Practice Guidance: Safeguarding in Religious Communities (Church of England)' (June 2015); and (b) safeguarding policies, practices and guidelines of the Diocese of Durham.
2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the community of St Antony's, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks, and in line with the instructions of the Diocese of Durham (UK).
3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place.
4. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
5. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
6. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our religious community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
7. In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.
8. We will advise the Diocese and/or other referring agency and whose Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
9. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.
10. We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

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Signed by:



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