Safeguarding Commitment Statement

The Community in WA of St Joseph of the Apparition Inc. upholds the dignity of every person and is committed to maintaining safe, inclusive and supportive environments, particularly for children and adults at risk. We have zero tolerance for abuse in any form.

- **Every person has the right to be protected from abuse.**
- **Inclusivity is at the heart of the Gospel and our values. It shapes our relationships with children, adults at risk, their families and the wider community.**
- **We create and support environments in which children and adults at risk are empowered to speak up and are listened to.**
- **We recognise the important role of families and the wider community in safeguarding children and adults at risk, and we welcome their input on how we can improve the way we engage with and support them.**
- **We are committed to a culture of care, accountability and transparency. Safeguarding and prevention are embedded in our governance, recruitment, induction, policies, procedures and everyday activities.**
- **We are committed to equity, diversity and justice, particularly for people who may be at increased risk of abuse or harm. This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and adults, people from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disability, and people of diverse sexualities and gender identities.**
- **We maintain appropriate professional and pastoral boundaries and uphold expected standards of behaviour in all our interactions with children and adults at risk.**
- **All Sisters, staff, volunteers, Associate Members and contractors are expected to understand and fulfil their responsibilities under applicable legislation and our safeguarding, conduct and complaints-handling policies.**
- **All concerns, complaints, disclosures and allegations will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately, sensitively and promptly.**

For further information or to raise a safeguarding concern, please contact our Safeguarding Coordinator:
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