

# THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS (MAY 2019):

- 1. Committed leadership, governance and culture:**  
Child safeguarding is embedded in diocesan leadership, governance and culture
- 2. Children are safe, informed and participate:**  
Children are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- 3. Partnering with families, carers and communities:**  
Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safeguarding
- 4. Equity is promoted and diversity is respected:**  
Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected on policy and practice
- 5. Robust human resource management:**  
People working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safeguarding values in practice
- 6. Effective complaints management:**  
Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, families, carers, communities and personnel
- 7. Ongoing education and training:**  
Personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training
- 8. Safe physical and online environments:**  
Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguards to minimize the opportunity for children to be harmed
- 9. Continuous improvement:**  
The Diocese regularly reviews and improves implementation of systems for keeping children safe
- 10. Policies and procedures support child safety:**  
Policies and procedures document how the Diocese is safe for children



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