



## **Spiritan Safeguarding Office**

Thank you for visiting the pages of the Spiritan Safeguarding Office. This office was established in 2012 to assist survivors and their families who suffered sexual abuse by members of the Congregation. For many years, some people have been ashamed or afraid to come forward to speak of the harm they experienced as children. Please be assured that our office will do all that it can to provide a place of safety, respect and support for survivors and their families on their journey of healing.

All survivors of sexual abuse by members of the Congregation are eligible for the services of the Spiritan Safeguarding Office regardless of any legal actions they may have initiated.

### **AIMS**

The Spiritan Safeguarding Office will:

- Respond to every allegation and suspicion of sexual abuse both current and historical.
- Provide timely assistance, pastoral/spiritual care, support, counselling referrals and other support as requested.
- Reach out to people who have not yet disclosed their experience of abuse and who now may wish to do so.

### **INVITATION**

If you were sexually abused by a Spiritan, please contact the Spiritan Safeguarding Office.

This invitation is extended to people who:

- Are reporting an allegation or concern of sex abuse for the first time.
- Have already engaged with the Spiritans regarding sex abuse and who would like to do so again.

We would particularly like to hear from anybody who contacted the Congregation in the past about their own experience but who did not leave their contact details at the time.

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