

A Message of Commitment from the Director of CACS

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Here at the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (CACS), safeguarding is a core part of our mission to always be a safe and sacred community.

Carmelite spirituality is founded on a deep thirst for spiritual intimacy and friendship, recognising the divine indwelling in every single person. Because of this, we see every encounter as a kind of theophany – a manifestation of God – that must be respected and safeguarded. The dignity and sacredness of each person is paramount.

For us, safeguarding work takes many dimensions. It is not just a policy on a shelf or a box-ticking exercise. Instead, we are committed to promoting a genuine spirituality of care. As an international community of friars, laity, experts and volunteers, this work is challenging and demanding. But it is a journey we are committed to – a journey towards creating a sacred and safe place for spiritual growth, formation and wholeness for everyone.

As a registered affiliate of the CSSA, our safeguarding practices align with the eight national Safeguarding Standards, the national policies and associated best practice guidance for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Supported by our safeguarding team, we ensure that all concerns of a safeguarding nature are responded to promptly. Our approach is one of zero tolerance; where an allegation of abuse is made against those working in the name of the church, regardless of whether the allegation relates to their behaviour in their role within the Church or another setting, we will report this to the statutory authorities. This includes allegations where the identified perpetrator is deceased.

We will liaise openly with the relevant statutory authorities to support investigations. We seek to respond sensitively and compassionately to those in need, listening and learning from the voices of victims and survivors.



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