Safeguarding – The RLSS, CSSA & SAFE SPACES

The Religious Life Safe and Service (RLSS) is a safeguarding body dedicated specifically to religious life in England and Wales. RLSS supports religious congregations, societies of apostolic life, and secular institutes in maintaining safe communities through robust safeguarding policies, survivor engagement, training, and good practice. It works in close collaboration with the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) to uphold a culture of safety and accountability.

To contact the RLSS email: safeguarding@religioussafeguarding.org or telephone: 01515562311

The CSSA provides national oversight of safeguarding standards across the Catholic Church in England and Wales. It ensures that dioceses and religious orders adhere to high, transparent, and survivor-sensitive practices in protection and response.

More on CSSA safeguarding framework:

www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/what-we-do/

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales. The service is open to anyone over 18 who lives in England and Wales. If you live outside of England and Wales, but suffered abuse by someone in the Church or as a result of your relationship with the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales, we will always endeavour to provide support, but this may be limited due to the services that are available outside of England and Wales.

To contact Safe Spaces call 0300 303 1056

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