



Safe & Sound - No. 22 – December 2009

Training for Parish Reps

The final set of dates in this series of short and very practical training sessions being held here at Hinsley Hall (St Monica's) is now very close, and at the moment there are just three takers for each of the dates. If you wish to attend either of these do please let us know as soon as possible. Full details of what to expect are in the October Newsletter. There is no need for apologies.

Wednesday 13 January 19.00 - 21.00

or

Saturday 16 January

10 - 12 noon

Catholic Diocese of Leeds
Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults



Thank you for volunteering to help in our parish. Safeguarding involves having responsibility for keeping our children, young people or vulnerable adults safe from harm. When all our parishioners, especially you as volunteers, are aware of safeguarding issues and report any concerns, we can make a real difference to the safety and well being of the vulnerable members of our community.

The aim of this leaflet is to help raise your awareness of Safeguarding, and to provide clear guidance as to your responsibilities as you undertake your role in the parish.

Together we can make the world a safer place.

For further information please see:

- the Parish Safeguarding Resource Pack, available in your parish or online at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding
- the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS), available online at www.csas.uk.net or tel: 0121 237 3740.

Safeguarding Information Leaflets for Volunteers

I have now sent copies of the new A5-format leaflets (left) to every parish – enough for one per volunteer. If I have missed you out, or if your leaflets have gone astray, please tell me and I will send more.

We would very much like to hear what you think of them, and how they are received in the parish, by new volunteers as well as by 'old hands'. And as I mentioned last time, they are dated Edition 1 – October 2009 so that we can prepare a new edition (perhaps next summer) in response to any comments you make. Thank you!

New forms to use in recruiting volunteers

Many thanks to all those parish reps who have moved so quickly and effectively to distribute the new forms from CSAS dated November 2009. I am very optimistic that we can match CSAS' aim that **we should not accept any old-style (January 2008) forms after 1 January 2010**..... but just to be clear, the Documentary Evidence Sheet (DES) and Address Continuation Sheet (ACS), which are often required to support the CRB Disclosure application, have **not** been replaced, so if either of these two is needed you can continue to use them - unchanged - until next summer.

If you are at all uncertain about which forms to use, please just phone or email to check – it may save a lot of work for us both, and will help me to reduce the number of application forms sitting in my filing cabinet, still missing vital dates or documents, from the present total of about 45.

Thank you - everybody

May I say a heartfelt 'thank you' to you all for your unflinching efforts over the last year - in raising the profile of Safeguarding in your parishes, chasing up the volunteers for their paperwork, and responding so well to the many demands that we and CSAS make!

Holidays

The office is closed after Wednesday 23 December, and will reopen on Monday 4 January.

Whether this Newsletter reaches you before or after 25 December, Suzanne and I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Stephen Hanslip

CRB Disclosure application forms

The total number of CRB forms that I have countersigned since August 2008 reached 1015 last week - but I suspect that there are many more still to come. As the new CRB Disclosure application forms will come into use in July, please be aware that **we will not be able to accept any of the present style of CRB Disclosure application forms after the end of April 2010**. If you have volunteers who still need to be checked, please submit their CRB paperwork as soon as possible - the end of April is sure to bring a rush....

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