

# Statement of Commitment to Safeguarding

The Congregation of Sisters of the Good Samaritan is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and adults at risk.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan prioritise the principles of safeguarding at all levels of our Congregation's life and mission.

We have zero-tolerance to any attitude or action that makes children and adults less than safe.

We commit to being respectful, compassionate, and upholding the dignity of others.



# Good Samaritan Safeguarding Prayer

God of compassion,

You call us to listen to your spirit inviting us to travel a new Jericho road boldly and courageously.

May all Good Samaritans show neighbourly concern and friendship wherever they live and work.

May we tend the wounds of those who struggle or grieve.

May we reach out with compassion for, and in service of, our fractured society.

May we remember and find inspiration in our own Good Samaritan story, of the loving care for children and vulnerable people as shown by Sisters and friends for over 160 years.

As Good Samaritans on mission let us always hold deep respect for the diverse gifts of Sisters, Oblates, colleagues and friends.

May we foster and strengthen our rich Good Samaritan charism and allow each other to flourish.

Let us renew our commitment to creating safe environments for all, especially children and adults in our care.

May we, as Good Samaritan women and men, use all gentleness as ministers of Christ's mercy and messengers of Christ's compassion.

We live out this call and responsibility in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

*But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. Go and do likewise. Luke 10:32-34, 37.*