

CATHOLIC CHURCH NORTHERN DIOCESES

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION FORM & GUIDELINES FOR THE GIFT 2, 3 & 4 PROGRAMME

(Revised March 2020)

We are very aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of the information contained in this document and wish to assure you that it will be treated in the utmost confidence and handled strictly according to our Policy on Secure Storage, Handling, Retention and Disposal of Disclosures Information.

It will be seen **only by** the Diocesan Registered Person who applies for the Access N.I. Enhanced Disclosure check.

You have applied for a role, which is a Regulated Activity, as defined by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (N.I.) Order 2007 and also falls within the definition of an “excepted” position as provided by the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (N.I.) 1979, therefore ALL convictions including SPENT convictions MUST be disclosed.

Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working within the Catholic community. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances and background of your offences. This information will be verified through an AccessNI Enhanced Disclosure.

Please complete below:

1.	Surname: (Block Capitals) _____
2.	All Forenames: (Block Capitals) _____ _____
3.	Date of Birth ____/____/____
4.	Male/Female: _____
4.	Place of Birth (Town/County and Country) _____
5.	Current Address _____ _____ _____
	Post Code: _____
6.	Contact Details: Tel. No. _____ Email: _____

Role you have applied for: _____
(please specify your **exact role**, the word “**VOLUNTEER**” is not acceptable)

Please state the Parish who has asked you to take up a role: _____

Please state DIOCESE from the list below: _____
(e.g.: Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Down & Connor, Dromore or Kilmore)

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The purpose of the following questions is solely to assess whether you pose a risk to Children and/or Vulnerable Adults. If, for any reason, you answer YES to these questions, it may not automatically rule you out of the selection process. You will have the opportunity to fully discuss the circumstances with us at a face to face meeting in a confidential manner.

8. Have you ever been convicted, or received an official caution for a criminal offence, **other than minor road traffic offences**? Please tick the “Yes or No” box, it is not acceptable to state N/A

Yes		No	
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If Yes, please give details below: (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Date of Conviction	Offence	Sentence

9. Have you ever been or are you the subject of an investigation due to concerns about the treatment of Children/Vulnerable Adults?

Yes		No	
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If Yes, please give details below: (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. Are you the subject of any possible pending prosecutions, **other than minor road traffic offences**?

Yes		No	
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If Yes, please give details below: (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Declaration: Please tick the boxes below if you have read and understood these statements
(Please note: if you DO NOT TICK THE BOXES that you have understood the declaration, your application will not progress)

I am committed to protecting and safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that I will be working closely with children and/or vulnerable adults and that a “Barred List check” is required. I understand that it is a criminal offence to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure check if I am on one of the barred lists. I give my consent to proceed with a Barred List check.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that to knowingly give false information or to omit information will be considered as a breach of trust.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that my confidential documentation will be retained for 90 days after the certificate has been issued. After that period all documentation will be destroyed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information I have given on this form is correct.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree that I will declare all additional information, in relation to a relevant offence which has taken place since vetting for GIFT 1, to the Vetting & Barring Co-ordinator in the Northern Diocese Vetting Office prior to the commencement of my volunteering for the Parish GIFT programme in this current academic year.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Note to Applicant: Please complete this form, place in an envelope and seal and forward to:
The Registered Person, **Catholic Church Northern Dioceses Vetting Office**,
120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA, Tel 028 9049 2783, Email: vetting@soddc.org

Data Protection: This form will be securely held by the Catholic Church Northern Diocese Vetting Office and will be treated as strictly confidential, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, the Down and Connor Privacy Notice and governed by Access NI’s Code of Practice and Privacy Notice, which can be found at:

<http://www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com/privacy-notices/>
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/accessni-code-practice>
<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/publications/ani-privacy>

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GIFT 2, 3 & 4 PROGRAMME – GUIDELINES

As the Parish GIFT programme runs over a 4-year period, vetting is currently required at the start of the first year. **For this year and only for the GIFT Programme** those volunteers vetted for GIFT 1 will not be required to be vetted for GIFT 2, 3 & 4. However, they will be required to sign the 'Confidential Declaration Form – GIFT 2, which includes an agreement that they will disclose immediately to the Northern Dioceses Vetting and Barring Co-ordinator, any relevant **information** occurring since their vetting in GIFT 1.

This form can be found at:

<http://www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com/> - under the Recruitment and Vetting tile.

Newly recruited volunteers to deliver Parish GIFT 1 in this current academic year, are required to be vetted as normal.