



2025

PILGRIMAGE AND STUDY TOUR IRELAND AND ROME

Professional standards and safeguarding

In the year of Jubilee, a study tour and pilgrimage is being planned to precede the 2025 International Safeguarding Conference (ISC), 'Women of Faith, Women of strength: A Safeguarding Conference'.

Overview

8 – 22 June 2025 - Travel to Dublin, Ireland and then onto the ISC in Rome.

The purpose of the study tour in Ireland (8-15 June) is to:

- understand the legacy issues of abuse of women and of the reality of contemporary safeguarding issues in the Irish context,
- develop a deeper appreciation of the work that has been undertaken to address the abuse legacy of the missionary Church,
- capture the positive reforms and outcomes that have been achieved - such as respect for the human person, promotion of the Gospel and care of the vulnerable, and
- reflect upon the application and adaptability of the work on a national and local level in the Australian and Indo-Pacific context.

If you would like to be involved in this Pilgrimage and Study Tour please contact Mrs Louise Zavone via email at louise.zavone@catholic.org.au or mobile on **0468 532 004** to discuss details of the study tour and pilgrimage and also to register your interest. We do need to secure accommodation in Rome as soon as possible due to the impact of the Year of Jubilee, so if you are interested and would like to know more about this opportunity, please make contact as soon as possible.

The Conference, 15 -20 June - Women of Faith, Women of Strength: A Safeguarding Conference.

- Will start from a systemic analysis of the abuse of Women within society and Church, and then present different violence contexts to be followed by safeguarding practices having women as protagonists and specific case studies. The regular sessions will be concluded by a discussion panel featuring two women and two men, religious and lay.
- Each topic will be introduced by presentations by two/three keynote speakers, lay and religious, to be followed by working group activities that will lead to a Question & Answer session with each speaker.
- The event programme will close with an "Academic Day" (20/06) focusing on academic research on the general topic made accessible to practitioners by academics and scholars.