



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY (W.C.D.)
ROME 25 AND 26 MAY 2024

NOTICE TO THE COMPANION ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The protection of minors and vulnerable people is the key part of the evangelical message that the Church and all its members are called to spread around the world.

We all have a duty to generously welcome minors and vulnerable people and to create a safe environment for them, fulfilling their interests as a priority.

The Dicastery for Culture and Education, the Organizing Committee of the W.C.D. and BE HUMAN are focused on preventing and facing abuse against minors; therefore, during the W.C.D. it is necessary that:

- a respectful community and aware of the rights and needs of minors is maintained, careful to prevent any form of violence or physical or mental abuse, abandonment, negligence, mistreatment or exploitation that may occur both in interpersonal relationships and in shared structures or places;
- the awareness of the duty to report abuse to the Authorities and to cooperate with them in prevention and enforcement activities is developed in all participants;
- any abuse or mistreatment against minors is effectively prosecuted in accordance with the law.

To this end, please refer to the legislation on the protection of minors of the States of origin, of the Italian State and the State of Vatican City, as applicable.

All ecclesiastical bodies, parishes, associations, movements, religious orders and diocesan or parish groups must monitor and work for the protection of minors and must contact the "Diocesan Service for the Protection of Minors" of own Diocese of origin in order to:

- ensure compliance with current regulations regarding the protection of minors against sexual exploitation and abuse in their own nation, in the Italian State and in the Vatican City State;
- implement all the procedures related to the protection of minors against sexual exploitation and abuse.

The undersigned adult accompanying minors must pay the utmost attention to compliance with the regulations and procedures for the protection of minors; he is solely civilly and criminally responsible and by participating in the W.C.D.

declares

- to have read this notice and to be fully aware of the personal responsibilities connected to the role of companion of minors, which he will exercise individually and exclusively;
- to be aware that the Dicastery for Culture and Education, the Organizing Committee of the W.C.D. and BE HUMAN do not exercise the aforementioned control functions, which remain the responsibility of the relevant authorities, and assume all responsibility in this sense;



- to be in possession of the "FREE OF CHARGE RELEASE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FILM(S) WITH A MINOR", issued in favor of BE HUMAN by those exercising authority over accompanied minors;
- to commit to deliver the releases to BE HUMAN by 05/20/2024.

Date

Signature