

Speaker Biography

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Father O'Sullivan is priest of Salford Diocese and was ordained in 1987. He is a leading proponent of child safeguarding in the Roman Catholic Church in England & Wales, Scotland. As well as spending more than a decade as the Salford Diocese Child Protection Coordinator, he has been a member of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales working party for the care and rehabilitation of sex offenders, and the Catholic Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults National working party to develop a Safeguarding Programme for clergy in England and Wales. He is a member of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. He has attended safeguarding conferences in the UK and Internationally and is a member of the United Kingdom's Governments Child Exploitation and Online Protection Academy. He is currently a member of the Boundary Breaking project at the Centre for Catholics Studies of Durham University. In 2018 Gracewing published his book, "The Burden of Betrayal: Non-offending priests and the clergy sexual abuse crisis." He has recently been seconded by his bishop to work as a Safeguarding Consultant, developing safeguarding practice in the Developing World.