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Statement of the Centre for Child Protection on the Spes et Salus Foundation

Encounters and meetings with victims and survivors are vital to what we do at the Centre for Child Protection, and the involvement of these persons in our work is important. We have been impressed by the courage, determination, and expertise of those who have been harmed by clerics and other church personnel, and we have become increasingly aware of our need to learn more and to better understand our contribution, especially with regard to the spiritual dimension of abuse, through and to dialogue and discussion.

The establishment of the Spes et Salus Foundation is an endeavor to create a space for learning and the exchange of ideas, and we pledge to be an active part, as well as an honest partner, in this learning process. We believe that the direction of this foundation's work and its concrete activities will provide opportunities to develop ways of collaborating that may be helpful beyond specific local or national circumstances. It will also give us the opportunity to continue this kind of effort in a sustainable way in the coming years.

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