



YOUTH CODE OF BEHAVIOR

(Adaptable by parishes, communities, and schools only with permission of the Director of Child and Youth Protection.)

Welcome to the youth ministries and educational programs of _____ Parish. As a participant in youth group, Life Teen, Sunday school, religious education, youth retreats, or any other parish activity or program for youth, we expect you will represent your parish, or school, and the Ordinariate well during all activities, programs, and gatherings. Please demonstrate Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone and to the property around you. We are confident you will display the maturity, responsible leadership, and character, which have become the qualities of Catholic youth. Thank You.

In General

Youth ministry and educational leaders are responsible for the behavior of the members of their group. Leaders and adult chaperones are to help enforce this Code of Behavior and to set an example for their youth. Leaders and chaperones have been given the authority to reprimand those in violation. These persons will be made known to you in advance. Please give them your respect and cooperation.

Some Rules

1. Remember that disruptive behavior can result in serious injury to persons and/or property, and you could be asked to leave the activity for such behavior. Each participant is legally and financially responsible for the removal, defacing, or willful damage to public or private property.
2. Participants must attend all scheduled activities and may not leave early without prior written approval of a parent or guardian.
3. At overnight events, socializing prior to curfew should be done in the public areas. Remember to keep noise levels down in the sleeping areas; especially later in the evenings. This guarantees the right to privacy and quiet times for other overnight attendees and other guests. All participants must be in their assigned rooms or areas by curfew. No visiting is permitted in areas occupied by members of the opposite sex.
4. **The purchase, possession, or consumption of beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages by minors and the possession or use of illegal drugs by any individual will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these rules will mean immediate dismissal from the program.** Participants who are of legal drinking age are expected to be leaders and set an example to younger attendees.
5. Be on time for scheduled activities. When exiting the building, parish, prayer, Mass, and other activities, please keep noise to a minimum so that other activities still in session will not be disturbed.
6. Smoking is not permitted at youth activities or events.
7. Participants may not possess weapons of any kind.
8. Cell phones are to be turned off during general sessions, workshops, at prayer, and liturgy. Please keep calls to a minimum at all other times. Texting during workshops, liturgy, or general sessions is also not appropriate.
9. Youth should dress modestly and appropriately. Your body is God's sacred creation. Respect it as a gift from God. The way you dress is a reflection of what you are on the inside. Show yourself to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
10. **Youth are not to hurt anyone verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually.** Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
11. **Youth are to report any emergencies, concerns, strangers or intruders, and safety issues immediately to adult leaders or chaperones.**

As a youth or adult attending the _____ youth ministry or educational program, I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Youth/Chaperone/Adult Participant (sign and print your name, date):

Parent/Guardian (sign and print your name, date):

Parish group leaders must ensure that each adult and youth in their group agrees to follow these guidelines and signs this form.