
Code of Conduct Agreement

- Expectations:** Designated clergy, parish staff, adult leaders and chaperones lead youth ministry events and are responsible for safety and discipline during all youth ministry events. They should be informed of any emergency. Youth ministry participants must follow the instructions of and cooperate with these adults. Should a participant violate the youth ministry Code of Conduct, his or her parents or guardians will be contacted immediately and asked to arrange for the youth's transportation home.
- Participation:** Participation in all scheduled activities during an event is expected. Participants must stay on-site during all events, whether at the parish or on a trip. In case of an emergency, a participant can leave the event only after being checked out with the appropriate adult coordinator or in person by a parent or legal guardian.
- Electronic and Communication Devices:** In order to fully experience youth ministry events, youth will often be required to turn in their cell phones, iPods, and other electronic and communication devices. When participants are asked to turn these in and are found with these devices they will be confiscated until the end of the event. In the event of an emergency: a) youth may use the parish phone or an adult leader's phone to contact their parents, b) parents may contact the parish office at 360-479-3777 (the parish has an afterhours answering service) or the Director's cell at 360-535-3999.
- Illegal and Inappropriate Items:** Under no circumstances may alcohol, cigarettes, illegal drugs, pornography or weapons be possessed or used at youth ministry events.
- Dress:** Modest dress is required. Youth ministry activities vary from prayer and adoration to Bible studies, sports and recreational activities. Per the parish website, clothing must be modest and appropriate for all activities:
 - No inappropriate messages or images on clothing (ex: crude language, provocative images).
 - Sleeveless tops and tank tops (short sleeves are okay).
 - Clothing meant to accentuate (draw attention to) parts of the body that God considers, and that we ought to consider, sacred: No tight clothing. Skirts should come at least to the knees, shorts to mid-thigh. No low-riding pants or shorts. No clothing that bares midriffs, shows cleavage or is transparent/see-through.
 - For events that include Sunday Mass, wear long pants or slacks or skirt (no shorts).Participants who are not dressed according to these guidelines will be provided a t-shirt, sweatshirt or pants.
- Public Display of Affection:** Youth ministry events are group activities, not dating venues. Participants should not be alone, especially with a member of the opposite sex. Affectionate physical or sexual contact is never appropriate (ex: kissing, sitting on laps, arm on shoulder, and yes, even holding hands – again, youth ministry events are not dating venues).
- Sleeping Arrangements at Overnight Events:** At overnight events, bedroom and bath facilities will be separated male and female. During these events, participants may not under any circumstances visit the areas designated for the opposite sex.

I have read this code of conduct and I agree to abide by these rules. I understand that failure to abide by these rules could result in my dismissal from the event and after repeated offenses, all youth ministry activities.

Youth Participant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Medical Release

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. The parish will take reasonable care to see that the following information remains confidential. **Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable:**

Medical Treatment: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above telephone numbers contact:

Name Relationship Phone

Family Doctor Family Health Plan Carrier Policy No.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Other Medical Treatment: In the event it comes to the attention of the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Seattle, chaperons, or representatives associated with the activity, that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be contacted.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Medications: My child is taking medication at present. My child will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well-labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency, are as follows:

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (i.e. non-aspirin products such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Specific Medical Information Please answer "N/A" or describe, indicating if you use the reverse sheet for explanations.

- Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): _____
- Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization (if applicable): _____
- Medically prescribed diet? _____
- Subject to homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, bedwetting, etc? _____
- Has the child recently been exposed to any contagious disease or conditions, (ex: mumps, measles) _____
- Does the child have any physical limitations, or special conditions we should be aware of: _____