

Parent/Guardian, Please initial each of the following statements:

_____ I hereby warrant that, to the best of my knowledge, my child’s health will allow him or her to participate in this pilgrimage, in spite of the physical demands of walking many miles each day and sleeping overnight on a charter bus. I assume all responsibility for the health of my child.

_____ Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of any 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.

_____ I will not hold the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux liable in the event of injury. Further, I agree to accept any & all financial responsibility as a result of medical treatment.

_____ I also authorize one of the trip nurses or doctors to dispense to my child any or all of the following as needed:

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Ibuprofen (Advil) Dramamine (for motion sickness)
- Imodium (for diarrhea) Benadryl (for allergies) Robitussin DM (for cough) Dayquil

_____ If my child needs any other medications, including prescription or over the counter pills, I will check those into the group director (chaperone) at the beginning of the trip, and these medications will be appropriately labeled with prescription information, dosage, and frequency of dosage.

_____ Attached to this page is a copy of my health insurance card (front and back).

This is a binding agreement, I have read this document and understand it terms and provisions and I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Agreements

I, *(Parent or Guardian’s Name)* _____, grant permission for my child, *(Child’s Name)* _____ to participate in Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Youth Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC (January 20 – January 25, 2020). This activity will take place under the guidance of the pilgrimage director. As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor (“participant”). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, its employees and agents and chaperones, or representative associated with the event for reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/diocese. I hereby give permission for my child to be administered medical help by a licensed physician in case of an emergency.

Parents/guardians of participants are advised that photographs or videotape of participants may be used in publications, websites or other materials produced from time to time by the Office of Vocations and Seminarians or the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. (Participants would not be identified, however, without specific written consent.) Parents/guardians who do not wish their child to be photographed or filmed should so notify the Office of Vocations and Seminarians in writing. Please note that the Office of Vocations and Seminarians has no control over the use of photographs or film taken by media that may be covering the event in which your child participates.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Code of Behavior

This Code of Behavior has been developed as a way of helping participants understand what is expected of them during the event, and of making the learning experience a healthy one for all involved. Please read through the Code carefully, as you will be expected to honor and uphold it throughout the trip.

Participant must initial each line:

_____ **Damage:** The families of participants assume responsibility for any damage done to facilities, transportation, and lodges.

_____ **Participation:** Each youth must commit to participating in each part of the pilgrimage experience. Name badges must be worn at all times.

_____ **Dress:** Dress throughout the pilgrimage is casual but appropriate for a Christian environment; shirts and shoes are always required. T-shirts/sweatshirts with alcohol, tobacco, or sexual overtones are not acceptable, nor is immodest clothing exposing any part of under garments, bellybuttons, etc. Sleepwear is permitted only in the sleep areas.

_____ **Medicine:** All medicine, including over the counter medications, must be held and dispensed to you by your chaperone throughout the trip. See Medical Release Form for details on over the counter medications provided by the trip nurses and doctors.

_____ **Headphones, Games, or Cell Phones:** Participants may bring music players with headphones or portable electronic games for the journey to and from the pilgrimage, but these items should not be used during events, speakers, tours, etc. If they become a problem, that is, a frequent barrier to participation, they will be confiscated for the trip. Youth are asked that cell phones are used discretely, infrequently, and only for emergencies or family contact.

_____ **Acceptable Behavior:** Christian behavior is expected at all times. Respect for individuals, the community, and the various facilities is required. Teasing, harassment (this includes bullying), sexual jokes, inappropriate displays of affection, etc. are considered inappropriate for this Christian environment. Students who are dating are asked to put aside these relationships for the duration of the trip, and focus instead on joining in, participating with the group, and watching for ways to address the needs of others on the trip. Moreover, "hooking-up" on any level is considered a serious violation and may result in dismissal from the trip. Finally, during overnight bus trips, students of opposite sex are separated between the front and back of the bus.

_____ **Sleeping Quarters:** Participants must be in their respective lodges/rooms by curfew time. The noise level in the lodges should be kept to a minimum and all conversations end with lights out. Scheduled quiet and homework times must be honored. No visiting is ever allowed in sleeping areas occupied by the opposite sex.

_____ **Tobacco and Drugs:** As with all youth activities within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, we will strictly adhere to the state laws regarding tobacco products, therefore tobacco products are not allowed by students or anyone under the age of 18. Rockstar, Full Throttle, Nos and similar energy drinks are also prohibited on this trip. Finally, the purchase, possession or consumption of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs by participants will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Parent or Guardian: I agree that my child shall abide by the rules and regulations outlined in this Code of Behavior; I have reviewed it and discussed the Code with my child prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child fails to consistently abide by the Code or engages in a serious infraction of the Code, he or she may be immediately dismissed from the program and sent home at my expense.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Youth Participant: I understand and agree to this Code of Behavior. I also understand that my parent(s) or guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from the program and that I will be sent home at my own or their expense. (Your signature must appear below in order to participate in the pilgrimage.)

Youth Signature: _____ **Date:** _____