

Registered Sex Offenders
Attendance at Parish and School Activities
In the Diocese of Davenport

A registered sex offender who wishes to participate in liturgy or other parish or school activities must request written permission from the pastor or parish life coordinator (“PLC”) and the principal, if a school, in advance. Access to the sacraments and the desire to be reconciled to Christ and the community need to be weighed with the need to protect children, vulnerable adults and the parish/school community.

Written permission from the pastor or PLC and the principal is required before the offender may access parish or school grounds. If the offender is on probation, the probation officer should provide the orders that are in effect. If the probation orders do not prohibit the offender from attending the activities, the offender is subject to the following conditions:

- The exclusion zones listed in Iowa Code Section 692A.113 apply to all offenders.
- The offender may not serve in any ministerial capacity, including but not limited to: usher, lector, communion distributor, choir member, member of church councils or committees, or volunteering at parish or school activities.
- The offender may not be employed by the parish or school.
- The offender may not appear on parish or school grounds unless accompanied by a same-sex chaperone (in case the restroom is needed) vetted by the pastor or PLC.
- The pastor or PLC should specify the time and day of the week the person may attend.
- The offender is to be seated away from children and shall not interact with children.
- The offender may drive to parish or school activities with his or her minor-aged children as passengers, but no other minors may be transported.
- The registered sex offender must sign this agreement.

These requirements do not envision every situation that might arise nor do they foresee particular circumstances that would call for a different pastoral approach which should be discussed with the victim assistance coordinator.

I agree to follow the rules and regulations set out in this agreement. I understand that a violation of this agreement may cause the loss of privileges to attend parish or school activities.

Printed full name of the registered sex offender

Signature of the registered sex offender

Address of registered sex offender

Phone

Pastor or Parish Life Coordinator Signature

Date

Principal Signature

Date