

## VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- I have received a copy of the Parish Volunteer Emergency Procedures and Safety Practices. I have read, understood and agreed to abide by those procedures.
- I understand that I serve at the discretion of the pastor.
- I understand that I am to report accidents or injuries immediately to the parish pastor.
- I understand that I am required by law to report known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, and that not doing so is considered a crime. Call the **24-hour Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400)**, or **local law enforcement agency**, and then as a courtesy, notify the parish pastor.
- I understand the policy of the parish is to cooperate with the authorities in the investigation of suspected child abuse. I, as a volunteer, agree to cooperate with the investigation as requested.
- I understand that if I use my automobile, my personal insurance is my coverage. (Reimbursement for fuel is a decision of the parish.)

Youth Ministry is relational by nature. Young people need to feel accepted, liked, affirmed, involved, and included. Forming relationships, in other words, is more important than programs. It is important for the Parish Catechetical Leader of Youth and all adult volunteers to develop positive relationships with the youth. This can be achieved by being genuinely interested in him/her and the activities in which he/she is involved.

I understand the policy of the archdiocese is to refer all inquiries from the media or press to the Archdiocesan Communication Department.

I have read and understood all the above statements and I agree to abide by them.

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Volunteer's Signature

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Date

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Parish Catechetical Leader of Youth's Signature

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Date