OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

Coordinators of youth ministry must consult with and receive approval from the pastor (or his representative) before inviting an outside speaker to a program.

The pastor (or his representative) will obtain a letter from the outside speaker’s home diocese stating that the speaker is in compliance with that diocese’s safe Environment policies.

If two or more parishes are co-sponsoring an outside speaker or speakers, the pastors (or their representatives) must consult with the Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) before issuing the invitations. The OYYAM Director will forward the speaker request to the Bishop for final approval.

In their presentations, all Catholic speakers must accept and honor the teachings of the Catholic Church. A non Catholic speaker is welcomed but care must be taken that such speaker does not speak contrary to Catholic practice and doctrine.

The pastor (or his representative) and coordinator of youth ministry are responsible for guests who visit a program and speakers who address youth, either individually or in a group.