Parish facilities used for faith formation should accommodate the enrollment, support the diocesan philosophy and goals of catechesis and promote a healthy formation of Catholic children, youth, and adults. All faith formation programs shall be held in suitable locations appropriate for parish activities.

Many well-intentioned employees and volunteers have a desire to open their homes to young people. Even with the best of intentions, this would put young people at risk by making it acceptable in the mind of a young person to enter the residence of an adult. This could later be exploited by another adult whose intentions are not altruistic.

It is the policy of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus that no parish or school sponsored youth classes, gatherings, events, or activities take place at private residences.

This policy is designed to protect minors, employees and volunteers. It ensures accessibility and transparency of our religious programs and helps establish a safe environment for everyone involved. A minor is defined as anyone under 18 years of age, a student who is 18 but still in high school or a student who is under 21 and in an MRDD program.