

Appendix D

AUTHORIZATION, CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA OR OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION INVOLVING MINORS FORM.

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Archdiocese of Newark continues to serve the young people of **(INSERT PARISH & TOWN HERE)**.

Parish program(s) are providing virtual programming and content for its participants, through which staff will facilitate program activities through online platforms. The program(s) will use software, tools and applications provided by third-parties that participants, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and/or staff will access via the internet and use for purposes of communication and programming and potential content creation. These platforms may include but are not limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Google Classroom, GoToMeeting, and Zoom.

This Form provides your consent and release for your child to participate in the program(s) and utilize these online applications for distance-based, virtual program purposes. Please be aware that each application collects different information about its users and has its own privacy terms and conditions to which members must adhere and which parish or diocese cannot control or assume responsibility. Please review these carefully before registering your child.

Our commitment to keeping the children and youth we serve safe is always our number one priority. To that end, we will actively monitor participant activity. All online activities contemplated hereunder must also comply with the Archdiocese of Newark Safe Environment Protocols and must also follow the Use of Zoom and Other Digital Technologies with Youth developed by the Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the Department of Protection of the Faithful.

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of _____.

I give permission for my child to participate in **(DATE, TIME & TITLE OF ONLINE GATHERING)**

I understand that I will have access to everything provided to my child and be made aware of how social media is being used, be told how to access the sites, and be given the opportunity to be copied on all material sent to my child via social networking.

I authorize and consent to staff or other leaders of the Parish to communicate with my Child electronically, including via social media, and video conferencing tools (e.g. Zoom) in accordance with the program(s).

I have read this Consent and Release Form, I fully understand it, and I voluntarily agree to be bound by its terms. I represent and certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (REQUIRED): _____

Email (REQUIRED): _____

Address (REQUIRED): _____

City (REQUIRED): _____

State: New Jersey