

CONSENT & LIABILITY WAIVER

Important! To be filled out by the Parent/Guardian for youth under 18 years of age. If participant is 18 years of age or older, consent must be signed by the individual.

I (name of parent/guardian) _____, grant permission for my child, (participant's name) _____, to participate in **the virtual Ignite Youth Group involving the parishes St. Patrick's in TX, St. Denis in NH, and St. Francis of Assisi in NY offered via Zoom to be held 11/1/20 – 3/31/20, 4:00pm-5:30pm EDT or 3:00pm-4:30pm CT.**

I agree on behalf of myself, my child's other parent if known or living (name of parent) _____, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Diocese of Manchester, and the Archdiocese of New York City, the sponsoring parish/school (its pastor, youth minister, principal, other agents, etc.) or any representatives associated with the scheduled activity unless the parties involved were careless or negligent.

By signing you are indicating your permission for your child to participate in online instruction/meetings offered by St. Denis. Ignite Youth Group is run through St. Denis so we will follow Diocese of Manchester guidelines: <https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Child-Safety/Policies/Policy-ParishOnlineMtgsMinors.pdf>. Zoom meetings will be secured via a password and will not be recorded. Electric signature accepted.

For St. Patrick's members: Faith Formation Google Classrooms will be used as the initial point of contact, where the information to join this group will be published.

_____	_____
Signature (Parent/Guardian)	Date
_____	_____
Signature (Participant 18 years of age or older must sign own consent)	Date

PEN PALS PERMISSION

This is an additional activity to which your child may participate, this is NOT a requirement and you do not need to sign if you do not want your child to participate.

Ignite Youth Group members will be *invited* to have a buddy within our group with whom they will mail handwritten letters to. **By signing below, you consent to have your child share their home address to which they will receive letters, and exchange letters with another Ignite youth member.** The purpose of this activity is to encourage young people to ask questions to each other about faith, share their faith journey, discuss the week's topic, and encourage each other along the way.

_____	_____
Signature (Parent/Guardian)	Date

CODE OF CONDUCT

What to do:

- Always be respectful to others – you will be meeting Catholic youth from different regions, which is a privilege so be mindful of how you interact with each other. *
- Ask questions!
- Dress appropriately if keeping camera on and location from where you are recording
- You may opt to keep your camera on or off
- If participating in pen pals:
 - Keep the conversation faith-oriented
 - If you wish to stop writing to your pen pal for whatever reason, please let us know. You are NOT obligated to write throughout the course of this youth group.
 - If something unacceptable is shared, please immediately tell an adult
 - If you are concerned for the well-being of your pen pal, please let an adult know

What NOT to do:

- Privately message anyone on Zoom be it a leader or a fellow Ignite Youth Group member
- Take pictures of your Zoom screen with your phone when a meeting has begun
- Cursing for whatever reason will not be tolerated
- If participating in pen pals:
 - Do not encourage bad behavior
 - Do not send pictures/images
 - Do not share websites
 - Do not share high school names or other personal information such as nearby park names or anything that can be used to locate you

* Ignite Youth Group leaders reserve the right to kick-out someone from a Zoom meeting or terminate an individual's participation in this youth group for behaving inappropriately.