



## **DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

By signing or electronically accepting this COVID-19 Acknowledgement, the undersigned parent or guardian of a student enrolled in St. Paul the Apostle's Religious Education Program in the Diocese of Harrisburg, understands, acknowledges, and agrees as follows:

We live in the age of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and there are health risks associated with my child attending St. Paul the Apostle's Religious Education Program. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another person, and the inherent risks of exposure to those who may be infected with COVID-19. I voluntarily assume the risk that I/my child/my household members may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of or in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at St. Paul the Apostle's Religious Education Program and that such exposure or infection may result in illness and/or even death of my child(ren) and such other persons.

I have read the Health and Safety Plan located on my child(ren)'s parish website and understand the health and safety protocols of the St. Paul the Apostle's Religious Education Program and I agree to adhere to the health and safety protocols. I will partner with the parish and comply with the Health and Safety Plan. As further detailed in the Health and Safety Plan:

- (i) I will update my child(ren)'s emergency contact information prior to or at the start of the Religious Education year and I will update it promptly whenever there is a change;
- (ii) I will seek to limit my child(ren)'s exposure to COVID-19 outside of the Parish Religious Education Program in order to protect our entire Religious Education community;
- (iii) I will evaluate my child(ren) before each Religious Education Program session for fever and COVID-19 symptoms, as defined by the CDC, and I must check in through the Parish Religious Education Program's established system before each session;
- (iv) If my child has a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, or COVID-19 symptoms as defined by the CDC, s/he may not attend the Religious Education session;
- (v) I will inform the Parish Religious Education Program immediately if I, my child, or anyone with whom my child has had close contact receives a positive diagnosis, or presumed positive diagnosis, for COVID-19;
- (vi) I give my permission for the Parish Religious Education Program staff to evaluate my child(ren) for fever and COVID-19, at their discretion, and will be informed by the Religious Education Program when such an evaluation is done;

- (vii) If contacted, I will pick up my child promptly from the Religious Education session if the Religious Education Program deems it necessary for health and safety reasons.

I understand and acknowledge that all students are required to adhere to all guidelines of the Health and Safety Plan, and that willful violations of the Health and Safety Plan will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Religious Education Program at St. Paul the Apostle at the Pastor's/Parish Administrator's discretion.

I understand and acknowledge that the Parish Religious Education Program will use its best efforts to guard my child(ren)'s privacy. I also understand and acknowledge that, as part of contact tracing, the name of my child(ren) and pertinent contact information will be provided, if necessary, to the Pennsylvania Board of Health and related authorities in the name of community health and safety.

I understand and acknowledge that my child(ren)'s Religious Education Program may offer a distance/online learning option as part of the educational program.

I understand and acknowledge that distance/online instruction is part of the current educational landscape and, as such, classes/sessions may be recorded and that, on occasion, my child's image could be seen or voice could be heard briefly as part of the class/session. Those who will have permission to access the recording are permitted to do so strictly for educational purposes.

I understand and acknowledge that I am not allowed to video or take photographs of distance/online instruction at St. Paul the Apostle's Religious Education Program unless it is for purely educational purposes, and I understand and acknowledge that that video or image may not be shared on social media or for any purposes other than educational purposes for my child(ren).