

Greetings Parents, Core & Teens,

For the sake of safety for our teens there will be new protocols that will be Required for all youth that participate within any telecommunication ministry at St. Jerome Catholic Church. In this email the term Zoom or any other virtual platform and the term telecommunications can be assumed to be one in the same with regards to these protocols.

1. Teens camera must be on and their face must be seen.
2. The teens first name and last initial must be properly displayed (for safety, please do not share your teens full last name).
3. Teens need to be properly dressed - no jammies or immodest dress.
4. Please keep your pets off camera - they can be a distraction to learning for you and others.
5. Teens are not permitted to chat privately.
6. Teens are not permitted to share their screen.
7. Teens must have a permission on file with the youth ministry office in order to participate (please fill out attached form if you have not yet done so).
8. Telecommunication meetings will require a password and have a waiting room so that only our teens are permitted to join.
9. Any teen that is disruptive and/or teens that do not follow these protocols will be removed from the telecommunication meeting.
10. After the first 10 minutes meetings will be locked for teens safety.
11. All meetings are recorded.

Should you have any questions about these requirements please contact myself in the Office of Youth Ministry via phone: 254-666-7722.

I am here to serve and assist you as we work together to share the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith with your youth!

Thanks so much for your time. Blessings of Health & Joy!

Totus Tuus Maria,

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P.S. If you have the ability to join the telecommunication, but the inability to use a camera please contact the Office of Youth Ministry to work with myself so your teen can join and participate without being removed from the meeting. Thank you!