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# ***“LOVE THY NEIGHBOR”***

## **Good Faith Acknowledgement and Liability Form**

As Christians, we are each called to practice the virtue of charity, which includes the command to love one’s neighbor as one’s self (Mk 12:31). Our Lord urges us especially to care for the most vulnerable among us, saying, “whatever you have done for the least of these you have done for me” (Mt 25:40). Love of neighbor demands, among other things, that we avoid (if at all possible) exposing others to infectious disease, especially children and vulnerable adults. In times of pandemic, this concern is especially important.

Therefore, during the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, we ask that all who gather at the parish, including parents on behalf of their children, exercise prudence and caution when deciding to attend any in-person class or gathering, and out of concern for the wellbeing of others in our parish family, to remain at home if they or someone they have been in close contact with have tested positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing any of the following symptoms as identified by the Center for Disease Control.<sup>1</sup>

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

According to CDC guidelines, it is only safe for someone to be around others ten days after symptoms first appear and after 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication), or ten days after a positive test with no symptoms. We also request that anyone testing positive for COVID-19, including parents on behalf of their children, who has participated in an in-person gathering at the parish within 14 days of their positive test please notify the parish for contact tracing purposes.

By signing below (or REGISTERING ONLINE), I acknowledge, verify and assert that I understand the importance of the above; that I am aware, understand and that I’m in receipt of the most current CDC guidance; that this includes any applicable guidelines established by the parish - including the use of face coverings, sanitization and social distancing requirements; and agree to abide by it, without limitation or restriction, as a prerequisite for me or my child(ren) participating in in-person activities at St. Gabriel Catholic Parish.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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**Liability Release for Participation in Faith Formation/Sacramental Preparation**

By signing below, the parent or guardian agrees to release from all liability and hold harmless St. Gabriel Catholic Church, staff, youth ministry team, and volunteers from any damages from COVID-19 or any other illness that may rise from participation in social gatherings for faith formation or sacramental preparation.

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Name of Parent or Guardian

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Signature

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Date