

Diocese of Portland, Maine
Volunteer Application – Eucharistic Ministers

Parish: _____ **Town/City** _____

Accommodations to enable all individuals to participate in the application process will be provided upon advance request.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long at current address: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Location/Address of Volunteer Service: Volunteer Position: _____

What Parish do you belong to? _____ For how long? _____

Do you have a Valid Driver's License? If so: State _____ Number _____

Check here _____ if you have had a criminal records check with one of the Diocese of Portland's Catholic schools in the past five years. Enter date of last certification: _____

Check here _____ if you have had a criminal record check with one of the Maine public schools in the past five years.

Have you ever lived in a state other than Maine? _____

Please list all your addresses in the past five years: If yes, please list states/dates (Ex: Ohio 1998-2002)

Revision Date: 11/1/12

Have you ever been accused of physically, sexually or emotionally abusing a child or an adult?

Yes/No _____ If yes, please explain.

Revision Date: 11/1/12

Your willingness to share your faith, gifts and skills is appreciated. Providing safe and secure programs for our members is of utmost importance to us. The information gathered in this Volunteer Application is designed to help us provide the highest quality Catholic programs for the people of our community.

Please read each of the following statements carefully and initial each to indicate your understanding and agreement.

_____ I hereby authorize the recipient of this Application, or its agent or designated vendor to conduct a personal and professional background and reference check. I hereby authorize such personnel to contact any references, past and current employers, church, youth organizations, agencies where volunteer service has been completed, and any individual or organization which might be relevant to my desired position. Such individuals and organizations are authorized to release such information as may be requested. I hereby release all such persons from liability or damages incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I understand that an unsatisfactory reference shall be grounds both for rejecting my Application and, should I have already begun volunteer service, for termination of that service.

_____ I understand that a background check will be conducted in conjunction with my service and that I am subject to investigation at any time during my service. I hereby authorize Diocesan personnel, or their agent or designated vendor to, in their sole discretion, undertake such an investigation at any time during the course of my service. In the course of my service, these checks will include but are not limited to a comprehensive criminal history records check, a Department of Human Services check, a sex offender registry check, and driving record check in conjunction with my volunteer service.

_____ I agree to observe all Diocesan and Parish guidelines and policies governing my volunteer service.

_____ I understand that the Diocese and Parish have a “ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ABUSE” policy and take all allegations of abuse seriously. I further understand that they will cooperate fully with the authorities to investigate all cases of alleged abuse. Abuse of minors or vulnerable adults are grounds for immediate termination of my service and possible criminal prosecution.

_____ I understand that I can withdraw from the application process at any time.

After reading all of the terms of this Application, I hereby affirm that I understand and agree to the provisions of the same. I also agree that my volunteer service with the Diocese and the Parish is on an “at-will” basis, meaning that such may be permanently discontinued by either the Diocese or the Parish (through termination of my service) or myself (through voluntarily resigning) at any time without notice and without any recourse of any kind by either party. I agree to conform to Diocese or Parish rules and I also agree that I shall be subject to other conditions which the Diocese or Parish may adopt. I affirm that the information in this Application is true and complete, and any intentional deception herein may be considered sufficient cause for termination.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand all of the above. **Do not sign until you have read, understood, and initialed your agreement to each of the above statements.**

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____