

**OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES  
DIOCESE OF DALLAS**

**DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT CODE OF BEHAVIOR**

Welcome to Diocesan Youth Ministry. The event you are attending may have several purposes but the most important being to bring Catholic youth together from across our Diocese to play, pray, learn and grow and get excited about being Catholic and an important part of our Church. Remember you are representatives of a respected Catholic youth organization. We expect you will represent your parish and diocese well during this event. Recall that you are a witness for your church to the press and dignitaries who will attend the event and we ask you to project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone and to the property around you. We are confident you will display the maturity, responsible leadership and character, which have become the trademark qualities of Catholic youth. Thank you!

**In General**

Parish group leaders are responsible for the actions of the members of their group. Each parish accepts full responsibility for any damage or theft caused by members of their group while attending the diocesan event. Adult chaperones in each parish group are to help enforce the Code of Behavior (the Code) and to set an example for their youth. The OY&YAM may have local volunteers and professional security personnel at the event site to maintain safety and in order to insure adherence to this Code. They have been given the authority to reprimand those in violation. These individuals will be recognizable by a namebadge/ribbon on their badge or in some other way. Please give them your respect and cooperation.

**Some Rules**

1. Respect each person whether youth, adult, child, in our group or not apart of our group. This is the cornerstone of our faith and a civil society. Respect includes verbal exchanges, physical and psychological exchanges as well. Inappropriate displays of affection as well as any abuse of another will not be tolerated.
2. Participants must attend all event activities. Name badges, if provided and appropriate (it will not be appropriate to wear name badges at all events) must be worn at all time during the event. There will be a \$5 charge to replace lost name badges.
3. All participants must refrain from drinking, smoking and drug use. The purchase, possession, or consumption of beer, wine, other alcoholic beverages by minors and the possession or use of illegal drugs, and/or cigarettes by any individual will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these rules will mean immediate dismissal from the conference. Participants of legal drinking/smoking age are expected to comply with this rule.
4. Event sessions will start on time. Please be on time.
5. No weapon of any kind may be possessed by a conference participant.
6. Remember that no vandalism to property at the event is allowed. Such behavior can result in serious injury to persons and/or property, and you will be asked to leave the event after paying for damages.

**DIOCESAN EVENT CODE OF BEHAVIOR:** I agree that my child shall abide by all rules and regulations as outlined in the Event Code of Behavior (the"Code"). I understand that if I have not heretofore seen the Code, it is my duty to seek a copy of the Code and to have reviewed it and

explained it to my child prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child fails to abide by the Code or engages in any infraction of the Code whatsoever, that my child can be immediately dismissed from the Event and sent home immediately at my expense for the immediate transportation home with no right of reimbursement for any amount in connection therewith.

I fully understand the consequences of the foregoing statements and sign this Event Code form knowingly, freely, and willingly. **(Your signature must appear below or your child will not be permitted to attend the Event.)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH:** As a member of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree to the Event Code of Behavior. I also understand and agree that my parent(s) or guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from the Event and that I will be sent home at my own or my parent or guardian's expense. Being found with any alcoholic beverages, drugs, cigarettes or weapons is cause for automatic dismissal from the conference. **(Your signature must appear below or you will not be permitted to attend the conference.)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_