

**YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT
MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH-SCHOOL
(DIOCESAN/DIOCESAN-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH)**



The Catholic Diocese of Evansville, through its Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYAYA), provides opportunities for the young Church to meet Jesus Christ, grow their relationship with Him, answer His call to ministry and service, meet and grow friendships with other disciples of Christ, and learn about the mission and teaching of the Catholic Church. These opportunities occur in a variety of events and settings, and each requires that specific rules and regulations be followed; however, informed by the moral teaching of the Catholic Church, certain over-arching rules of conduct must be followed by all participants of any diocesan event. The following Code of Conduct is not exhaustive, and it may be changed and updated as the need arises.

In order to ensure that each participant has equal access to safety and enjoyment, the following polices must be observed and followed at all youth and/or young adult events of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville:

- ✚ I will treat everyone with respect, courtesy, dignity, patience, loyalty and integrity. I will behave in a way that respects the rights of all.
- ✚ If I am being hurt (verbally or physically), harassed, or “bullied”, or if I become aware that another participant is being hurt verbally/physically, I will notify a supervising adult.
- ✚ I will treat property with care. If I break something, I will tell my supervising adult.
- ✚ I will avoid posing any health risk to others (i.e. fevers or other contagious situations).
- ✚ I understand the use of cell phones and other electronic equipment is highly discouraged, unless a supervising adult grants permission.
- ✚ I will not possess/use/purchase tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, inappropriate videos, inappropriate reading materials, or other objects.
- ✚ I understand in extreme cases of misconduct, my parents/legal guardian and legal authorities will be notified, regardless of the time. In these cases parents/ legal guardians will be financially and/or physically responsible for participant’s transportation home from school/event. I understand I am subject to search and seizure policies.
- ✚ If I become aware of any violation of this Code of Conduct by anyone, it is my responsibility to notify my supervising adult as soon as possible.

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YOUTH PARTICIPANT/STUDENT (Printed Name):

I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action:

X _____
(Signature of Participant/Student Date)

X _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian Date)

NOTE TO PARENTS ON SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Diocesan Policy states the following:

Two approved (“approved” means that the Pastor knows the person and approves him or her AND the person has submitted to a criminal history background check) adult leaders or one approved leader and a parent of a participant, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all parish sponsored youth activities.... One-on-one contact between adults and youth is not permitted.

Please ensure your child understands the above guidelines. Any questions on this policy should be directed to Steve Dabrowski, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, (812) 424-5536.

To avoid violation of diocesan safe environment policy, it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians that youth arrive and are picked up at designated times. The same also applies to teens driving themselves to/from any diocesan event.