

## St. Dominic Parish – Youth Ministry Code of Conduct

We are delighted to have you as a participant in our ministry. By participating in St. Dominic's Parish youth ministry as a parishioner, a guest, volunteer or minister you represent Christ, the Church, and yourself. What you say and do has impact on others; it is our desire that your impact will be a positive one. We hope that whenever and wherever we gather, we adhere to the following guidelines to ensure a safe, welcoming, and fun environment that will help us grow closer to Christ.

Together we work towards:

- 1) The youth minister and volunteers give of their time to ensure that you have a safe and fun environment, while participating we ask that everyone listens and respects any directions given.
- 2) We rely on everyone to create a safe and respectful environment. Everyone deserves to be given respect and to be treated with kindness. Any form of bullying (verbal, physical or cyber) will not be tolerated.
- 3) Respect all property, facilities and shared spaces. Participants with the intention of vandalism or breaking something are expected to repair/replace any damaged item(s) at their expense.
- 4) Reflect a Christian attitude in all relationships amongst the youth and peers during all activities. Gatherings are prepared for inclusivity and everyone's comfort level. If someone else's behaviour makes you uncomfortable you are encouraged to speak with a volunteer or the youth minister.
- 5) Refrain from using profanity, exhibiting improper behavior, using alcohol or illegal substances and possession of drugs or weapons.
  - If medication is needed, it must be brought in by a parent/guardian and given to an adult volunteer or youth minister with a note of permission to dispense.
- 6) When attending youth group gatherings participants should wear modest, appropriate clothing at all times. Inappropriate words, symbols, cigarette, or alcohol advertisements should not be displayed on clothing.
- 7) The supervision during our gatherings are suited for everyone's safety. Full participation is encouraged as leaving youth gatherings, leaving the group during trips, etc. can jeopardize safety of yourself and others. This may result in being sent home from an activity at parent/guardian expense.
- 8) Cell phones during youth group gatherings should only used for calling (or texting) parents only, if necessary, and for trip purposes, designated by the youth minister. Excessive and inappropriate use of cell phones result in them being taken away until the end of the event.
- 9) Volunteer drivers are required to complete and abide by the Volunteer Driver form provided by the Diocese and St. Dominic Parish.

I have read and understand this document and become aware that by signing this document, consenting to, and acknowledging the above. I also understand that violations of this policy may result in the review or termination of participation and/or volunteer position.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If under 18 years of age)*