



YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

Students/Teenagers in Grades 7-12 Working or Volunteering in the Diocese of Fall River

Please Note: The **Rule of Two (2)** is the best practices approach when working with minors and vulnerable adults. At least two Office of Safe Environment approved adults should be present in all activities involving minors and vulnerable adults.

As a youth worker or volunteer, **I shall conduct myself** in a manner that exemplifies the following behaviors:

- Treat everyone with respect, integrity, patience, courtesy and dignity.
- Respect the adults and supervisors with whom I interact.
- Take care to be positive, supportive and caring in my speaking, writing and actions with all I encounter.
- Maintain appropriate physical and emotional boundaries with the children and adults.
- Affirm good behavior with my peers and youth and avoid criticism or comparison that could hurt.
- Immediately notify a supervisor if someone I am working with or volunteering with tells me or I witness that they are being hurt by another person.
- Dress appropriately, avoiding clothing with offensive or suggestive messages or pictures.
- Respect for and protect the property of others.
- Protect and care for all children/youth in my care.
- Report any concerning behavior to an adult.

As a youth worker or volunteer, **I will NOT exhibit** the following behaviors:

- Commit an illegal or immoral act.
- Use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, tobacco, or carry weapons at any time.
- Verbally threaten or physically abuse anyone.
- Use profanity, especially in the presence of children or youth.
- Use discipline that frightens or humiliates a child/youth.
- Tolerate inappropriate or bullying behavior.
- Use technology or social media for inappropriate contact such as inappropriate pictures, or any form of bullying, humiliation or intimidation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

We have read and understand this Code of Conduct. We understand any action inconsistent with the Code may result in the student/teenager losing the privilege of working or volunteering within the Diocese of Fall River.

Youth Name and DOB

Youth Work or Volunteer Position

Signature of Youth/ Date

Parish or School and City/Town

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Date

Signature of Diocesan Representative/Date

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____