



**DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER
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YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

Students/Teenagers Working or Volunteering within the Diocese

Please Note: The **Rule of Two** (2) is the best practices approach when working with minors and vulnerable adults. At least two (2) safe environment trained 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 sexual, physical and emotional boundaries with the children and adults
- Seek to affirm good behavior with my peers and youth and avoid criticism or comparison that could hurt
- Immediately tell 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, including not wearing 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 follow behaviors that places myself in a negative light:

- Commit an illegal or immoral act
- Use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol, 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 social media for inappropriate contact such as sexting 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.

Student Work or Volunteer Position: _____

Signature of Student/Teenager

Print Name:

Parish or School/City or Town

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name:

Signature of Diocesan Representative

Print Name: