

YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth participants will: Project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone and to the property around them through language, dress, and behavior, refraining from inappropriate touching and verbal harassment.

Youth participants will:

- Respect other persons and/or property
- Refrain from actions that could result in injury and/or damage to property
- Adhere to stated curfew
- Keep their personal belongings with them at all times
- Attend all scheduled activities, arriving promptly, and staying for the entire event
- Be aware of noise levels in lobbies, hallways, and sleeping areas, especially later in the evenings
- Maintain the spirit of the event
- Report problems of an kind to a trusted adult

Youth participants will not:

- Possess weapons of any kind
- Purchase, possess, consume, or distribute alcohol
- Purchase, possess, consume, or distribute illegal drugs
- Engage in any form of sexual activity or peer sexual harassment
- Purchase, download, possess, or distribute pornography
- Visit or gather in sleeping areas of the opposite gender
- Sit next to another of the opposite sex during lights out hours on the bus

The following behaviors are generally considered inappropriate at any Archdiocesan event:

- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces
- Kisses on the mouth
- Touching bottoms, chests, or genital areas
- Any type of massage given by minor to adult or another minor
- Any type of massage given by adult to minor
- Any form of unwanted affection or peer sexual harassment
- Compliments or put downs that relate to physique or body development
- Going to an isolated area away from the group, or being taken to an isolated area by an adult or peer.

If a problem of any kind occurs during an Archdiocesan sponsored youth event, young people will immediately go to a trusted adult to discuss the matter.

If a young person violates the Youth Code of Conduct, any or all of the following may be implemented:

- Reporting of misconduct to local authorities, if the violation in any way violates local ordinances or laws.
- Dismissal of the youth from the event or program by requesting that the group leader remove the youth from the event (whereby it would become the responsibility of the group leader/chaperone/parent to ensure timely, accompanied, and safe transportation home) at the expense of the parent/guardian.