



# Diocese of Corpus Christi

## Youth Application and Parent Consent

**Print or Type Only**

All Youth volunteers under the age of 18 shall complete a Youth Application and Parent Consent form, and receive and sign a Code of Conduct, provided within a Safe Environment training for youth volunteers.

***\*All sections of this form must be completed in order to be processed. Use legal name on ID or DL (as applicable).***

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Alias/Nickname			Gender M    F
Street Address			
City		State	Zip
Grade	Date of Birth	Driver's License or ID#	DL or ID State
Parent/Guardian First Name		Parent/Guardian Last Name	
Parent Guardian Address		City	State    Zip
Emergency Contact First Name		Emergency Contact Last Name	
Emergency Contact Address		City	State    Zip

What is your volunteer position? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent**

I certify that my minor child has not committed any criminal offenses to date. All information provided in this application and consent form is true and correct, and I consent to my child's participation in volunteer ministry and in the required Safe Environment Training for youth volunteers.

Parent Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish/School/Ministry** *(this section to be completed by the parish or school location)*

As Pastor/Administrator/Director of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby certify that a Texas Department of Public Records Offender Database (<https://www.dps.texas.gov>) search has been conducted by \_\_\_\_\_

Based on all the above information, I accept \_\_\_ reject \_\_\_ this applicant for Ministry.

Pastor/Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parish/School – if you have questions on how to conduct this search, please contact The Office for Safe Environment at 361/882-6191.*



# Code of Conduct for Youth Volunteers

*A youth volunteer will know from the start of their service, who their trusted adult supervisor, or leader is to report a problem or concern. From the manner in which you dress, to how you interact with your peers and those you assist, from the respect you show to adults, and what you put out in social media, you are now to be held at a higher standard. Once you become a leader in our church community, you must be vigilant and thoughtful of how you present yourself in every way. We are proud of our young stewards!*

- Children and vulnerable adults depend on the community to help keep them protected and safe. As a youth volunteer, I have a role and responsibility in promoting a healthy and safe environment for children and adults who may not be able to protect themselves, as well as for my peers and the adults in our community.
- I pledge to witness in word and example my discipleship in Jesus and model a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church, promoted through my own choices and behaviors.
- I understand that I am looked at as a role model for those I serve, and as a representative of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.
- Most importantly, I understand the importance of telling an adult if I have reasonable belief another youth has been harmed, or is in danger of being harmed in any way.
- I understand that leaving the grounds of an overnight retreat or other youth event becomes a potential safety issue for all involved. My parent will be contacted and my volunteer capabilities will be revoked.
- I understand that minors are unable to transport other minors for parish or school functions on behalf of the diocese.
- Cell phone usage should be limited to communicating with my parents only if needed. Cell phone usage for the sharing of inappropriate material or material outside my ministerial role may warrant parents to be contacted and removal of my privilege to volunteer.
- I will not take, post or exchange pictures of the children, youth or others with whom I volunteer with respect to their privacy and in respecting the work of the Church.

I pledge to adhere to this Code of Conduct, and I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code, or the failure to take action as outlined in this Code of Conduct may result in my removal as a youth volunteer. I understand that it is a privilege to work with young people, not a right.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

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