

Parish of St. Thomas More
Youth Group – ADULT Volunteer Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ DOB ____/____/____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Member of St. Thomas More Parish Yes ____ Which Church? _____ No ____

Marital Status: [] single [] married Work Status: [] part time [] full time [] student

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Education: High School _____ Year Graduated _____

College/Trade School _____ Year Graduated _____

Degree _____ Major / Minor _____

Other Education _____ Year Graduated _____

Do you have children who will be participating in the youth group? Y / N

Names and ages _____

The Diocese of Trenton requires that all adult volunteers working with children complete a 3-hour Virtus Training called "Protecting God's Children". There is also a fingerprinting and criminal background check requirement.

Have you completed Virtus Training? Yes / No Date _____

Have you completed fingerprinting and background check? Yes / No Date _____

Tell us a little about yourself:

What's your style? Choose as many as apply.

- Commander – I can step up and take charge
- Relater – I like to facilitate discussions
- Organizer – I like to keep things orderly and organized
- Entertainer – I have tons of energy

What level of commitment are you willing to give? We understand that circumstances may change, we just want an idea of your interest level.

- **Coordinator** - I can help regularly, I can give a regular commitment of a few hours each week. For example I can help with the steering committee or lead and organize several events.
- **Program Leader** - I can help moderately; you can count on me for a few hours every month. For example I can help plan and organize activities and events or lead an activity.
- **Support Staff** - I will help occasionally, I can help with an activity here and there. For example, I can chaperone an event from time to time or send snacks.

What areas do you see yourself participating in? Choose as many as apply and we'll place you where you're most needed.

- plan social events and activities (behind-the-scenes)
- lead and / or chaperone social events and activities, participate with the kids
- Prepare or lead worship or prayer services or discussion groups
- Technical support – maintain database of members, email and text blasts, website support, etc
- communications – meeting reminders and notices, facebook and twitter posts, etc.
- plan and coordinate volunteer activities and social outreach
- provide snacks for meetings
- plan and coordinate fundraising activities
- music ministry
- sport coordinator

Please share any hobbies, skills or interests that you have:

Share any experience you think may be relevant such as work, personal or other volunteer activities:

Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant Signature

Date: _____



Diocese of Trenton Clergy/Laity Code of Conduct

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a volunteer/employee, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines of this Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing service to the children and youth of *The Diocese of Trenton*.

As ordained clergy or a volunteer/employee during the course of my ministry or employment, I will:

- Treat everyone including vulnerable adults (those who habitually lack the use of reason) with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration and will conduct myself and live a lifestyle which is in conformance with Catholic teachings.
- Avoid situations, when possible, where I am alone with children and/or youth at Church activities.
- Use positive reinforcement when working with children and/or youth.
- Refuse to personally accept expensive gifts from children and/or youth or their parents.
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children and/or youth.
- Refrain from viewing or distributing child pornography.
- Report suspected abuse to the Child Protection Service agency and inform the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a disorderly person offense.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.

As ordained clergy or a volunteer/employee during the course of my ministry or employment, I will not:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children and/or youth while performing assigned duties.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time in the presence of children and/or youth while performing assigned duties.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Distribute pornography to children or youth.
- Attend ministry or employment obligations that would pose a serious health risk to children and/or youth (i.e., fevers or other contagious situations).
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap children and/or youth.
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade children and/or youth.
- Touch a child and/or youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner. I will ensure that all physical contact is P.A.N. (public, appropriate & non-sexual)
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates children and/or youth. Discipline issues will be referred to the administrator or principal
- Use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth especially while performing assigned duties.

I understand that as a ordained clergy, volunteer or employee working with children and/or youth, I am subject to a thorough background check including criminal history. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in my removal as a volunteer or employee with children and/or youth.



Printed Name

Signature

Date

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