

Child and Guardian Joint Consent Form

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DETAILS OF THE GROUP

Name of Parish			
Name of Group / Activity			
Duration / frequency of activity			
Group Leaders			
Name of Young Person		Date of Birth	
Address			
Other relevant information: (Please mention any medical conditions, special needs or dietary requirements). Please note organisers cannot administer medication. (This information is needed in case the parish/group needs to make reasonable accommodations for your child.)			
Guardian Contact Details	Phone number:	Alternative contact number:	
	Email		

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In the event of illness or an accident, I give permission for medical treatment to be administered to my child, where considered necessary, by a suitably qualified medical practitioner and/or hospital. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible. In an emergency I can be contacted at the telephone numbers provided above.
Signature Parent / Guardian:

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CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Church activities for young people should offer a positive experience, where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment. To this end all young people should be made aware of the activity code of conduct. The code of conduct should be discussed with children/young people to whom it applies, so that they can understand it and take ownership of it.

It is important that children/young people know the limits and boundaries appropriate to their own behaviour and that leaders working with children/young people should be treated with courtesy, respect and dignity.

The following Code of Conduct applies to all children/young people who are involved in church related activities in the parishes and in the Archdiocese. As a participant, you are expected to abide by the code of conduct.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other members, offer comfort when required.
- Refrain from getting involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the leaders.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying on any social media platform or texting on any messaging apps..
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Show respect for church property, the property of others and public property.
- Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations.
- Play fairly and be trustworthy.
- Challenge or report bullying to your leaders.

- Switch off mobile phones while in church or during church or parish activities. Make your activity a **fun** place to be.
- Treat matters confidentially, where appropriate.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO:

- Smoke or Vape.
- Consume alcohol or drugs of any kind.
- Use violence of any sort towards others.
- Use information technology / social media sites / messaging apps during a church related activity without prior consent of a parent and the activity leader.
- Not taking photos or videos of others taking part in group activities.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy their activity in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other participants or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.
- Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate leader and reported verbally to the activity leader. Persistent misbehaviour may result in suspension/dismissal from the activity. Parents will be informed at all stages.

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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

☐	For altar servers, I consent to my child appearing on webcam / live streaming during Mass and other services and to this being broadcast online.
☐	For Communion/Confirmation groups, I consent to my child appearing on webcam / live streaming during the sacramental services and to this being broadcast online.
☐	I understand that photographs of my child may be taken during group activities, and I give permission for these to be published in any hard copy/online publications, including social media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram etc.), by the relevant parish or by the Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly. My child's name will not be included in the publication.
☐	I understand that /my child may be part of videos taken during group activities, and I give permission for these to be published in any online publications, including social media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram etc.), by the relevant parish or by the Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly. My child's name will not be included in the publication.
☐	I understand that during group activities my child will be appropriately supervised at all times and will agree to abide by group's code of behaviour.
☐	I give permission for the Leader of the Group / Parish Office to store by my contact details including my mobile number and email address and to contact me in relation to youth events pertaining to my son / daughter.
☐	I have read all the information provided relating to the activity and I give permission for my son/daughter to participate.
☐	I confirm that I have read and understand the Code of Behaviour and have discussed its contents and expectations with my child.
☐	I have been made aware of the Information Pack for Parents and Guardians on the diocesan website.
Signature Parent / Guardian:	
Signature of Young Person participating:	
Date:	

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