

**PARENTAL CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
GARLAND, TEXAS**

TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

I hereby authorize my child(ren) _____ to be a volunteer for the **2017-2018** parish events to be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Garland, Texas. I understand that all reasonable precautions will be taken to keep my child(ren) safe accordingly. I will not hold St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, members of the staff or volunteers or the Diocese of Dallas responsible for accidental harm or injury to my child(ren) which might occur during the event named above or any other Church programs. Should an emergency occur during the event named above or any other Church program, I hereby consent to and authorize medical treatment to my child(ren) and/or dispensing of medication ordered by a physician to my child(ren) by an adult.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number _____

Insurance Company Name/Phone Number _____

Policy # _____

Address _____

Allergies and/or Medications for my child(ren) _____

Has your child(ren) (above-named) ever been convicted of, pleaded “guilty” or “no contest” to, placed on probation, given community supervision or deferred adjudication for a crime, and/or is he/she now under charges for any criminal offense?
Yes ___ No ___

We authorize any references, or any other person or organization, whether or not identified in this application, to give St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church any information on your child(ren) regarding their character and fitness for volunteer service in this parish. Yes ___ No ___

We hereby agree and understand that a criminal background check may be conducted on the above-named child(ren). We hereby consent to any such check. Yes ___ No ___

Are you registered members of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church? Yes ___ No ___

We (parent) and child(ren) hereby agree that the information provided on this parental consent/release form is both truthful and accurate.

Parent’s Signature

Child(ren) Signature(s)

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ARE THOSE AGES 13-17
(AGE 12 PERMITTED IF WORKING TOWARDS CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS OR IF
PARENT WILL BE PRESENT)

(PLEASE FILL OUT THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM!!!)

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
PHOTO/VIDEOTAPING CONSENT FORM**

I, _____, give St. Michael the Archangel Catholic
(print PARENT name)
Church my consent to photograph/videotape my child _____ at
youth and parish activities. I will not hold St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church or the Diocese of Dallas
responsible for misuse of photographs or videotaping of my child.

Parent/Custodian's Signature

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT

To be filled out by teen volunteer (under the age of 18)

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

1. I agree to treat other participants, leaders, and staff with respect, and I understand that all adult leaders have the authority to discipline me.
2. I will always follow the schedule and guidelines given to me.
3. I understand that alcohol, weapons, fireworks, tobacco products of any kind, illegal drugs and profane or abusive language are NOT ALLOWED. (Prescription drugs must be dispensed by an adult.)
4. I agree to behave in a Christian and positive manner at all times. I further agree to dress modestly (NO short-shorts, halter/tank tops, or torn clothing).
5. Sexual indiscretion (including inappropriate touching) is prohibited at all times and in all cases.
6. No participant under the age of 18 is allowed to leave without the coordinator/director's permission.
7. In the event of an emergency or other need to contact any participants, staff must know where I can be located, therefore, I agree to stay on the church premises.
8. I understand that I will be working with children, and I agree to take whatever duties I am assigned seriously and responsibly, especially where the children's safety is concerned.
9. I understand that if I fail to adhere to any part of this "Code of Conduct," I run the risk of having my parents notified by telephone, or in person, and that I will be sent home if I refuse to follow the guidelines.

I have read and agree to the "Code of Conduct."

Signature

*Teens must be 13-17 years of age to volunteer for VBS or any other church program.
Youth age 12 are permitted to volunteer if working towards EDGE volunteer service hours OR with parent present*

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(Sample: INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS)

- Using inappropriate language, swearing
- Tickling children
- Wrestling with children
- Piggyback rides or swinging children around by their arms or feet
- Holding children on the lap or carrying them
- Kisses
- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces
- Inappropriate touching (examples: touching bottom, chest or genital areas)
- Showing affection in isolated areas (examples: Closets, private or classroom areas where you cannot be seen.)
- Any type of massage given to a child
- Any form or unwanted affection or physical contact
- Keeping secrets with children or helping children deceive others
- Criticizing adults or children
- Compliments or criticism that relates to physique or body development which makes a child uncomfortable
- Discussing sexually oriented topics
- Telling off-color jokes or making fun of anyone
- Making sexual references and innuendos
- Drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes or gambling with minors
- Talking on cell phone or listening to Ipod while children are in your care

(Sample: APPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS)

Appropriate affection between Church personnel, volunteers and minors is important for a child's development and a positive part of Church life and ministry. The following forms of affection are regarded as appropriate examples for most Church sponsored programs and can be used in moderation:

- Side hugs
- Shoulder to shoulder or "temple" hugs
- Pats on the shoulder or back
- Handshakes
- "High-fives"
- Verbal praise
- Holding hands while walking with small children
- Sitting beside children
- Kneeling or bending down for hugs with small children
- Holding hands during prayer
- Pats on the head when culturally appropriate (example: This gesture should typically be avoided in some Asian communities and other culturally diverse ethnic communities)