

# 2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

## Adult Chaperone Code of Conduct

### Basic Role of Adult Chaperones

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The Office for Evangelization staff depends on the chaperones to help serve as a network of support for the youth. It is important that the chaperones be an example of obedience and cooperation with the following policies and with the pilgrimage leaders for one another and for the youth in the diocesan delegation. Because of the physical demands of a World Youth Day pilgrimage, it is necessary that all pilgrims be in good health. World Youth Day is a very intense pilgrimage experience and can be both physically and emotionally exhausting. Because of these conditions, it is not recommended that those with significant health problems participate as chaperones.

Chaperones should be constantly assessing the youth in their group to be aware of any special needs. They should feel comfortable talking and sharing with the youth. Adults should also be willing to pray with the youth in their group. Adult Chaperones are responsible for their youth at all times, especially when traveling as a large group.

Adults must read, sign, and return this sheet with the Medical Information and Release form. Please be sure that you understand and abide by these policies.

### Duties of an Adult Chaperone

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A Chaperone's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

#### 1. Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking

- ✓ We will be following Virginia state laws rather than local laws concerning alcohol and drugs.
- ✓ Consumption of alcohol is not permitted during the pilgrimage by chaperones or youth.
- ✓ If you smoke cigarettes, please do so privately; it should not be done in front of youth. Marijuana and other recreational drug possession or consumption in any form is not allowed for anyone on the pilgrimage.

#### 2. Appropriate Dress

- ✓ All participants are expected to dress in a fashion that represents modesty, respecting other participants and our Lord.
- ✓ Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. Participants must wear shirts at all times.
- ✓ The chaperones are expected to communicate these expectations to the youth before the event and enforce the dress code at all times during the pilgrimage.

#### 3. Participation

- ✓ It is expected that all pilgrimage participants (youth, chaperones, young adults) will be present at scheduled sessions during the event, and in appropriate places following the evening sessions.
- ✓ At no time should a youth participant leave the pilgrimage site without one of their adult chaperones.
- ✓ It is to be understood that the said adult takes full responsibility for a youth once off the pilgrimage site grounds.

#### 4. Housing

- ✓ Chaperones are responsible for making sure that teen participants are in their rooms at curfew time. We are guests at the hotel. We ask that it is left in better condition than it is found.
- ✓ Youth should **at no time** be in the room of a member of the opposite sex.
- ✓ An atmosphere of quiet and respect is expected following the lights out time. Violators will be subject to appropriate discipline.

#### 5. Insubordination

- ✓ It is expected that youth, chaperones, and young adults will follow the direction of all event staff, security, and volunteers.
- ✓ Any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will not be tolerated and will be subject to appropriate discipline.
- ✓ The first and primary method of dealing with discipline problems will be to work through the Group Leader.

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*I have read, understand, and agree to the above policies and principles. I will ensure that anyone accompanying me on this pilgrimage also understands and agrees to these policies. I understand that any violation of the above principles may result in dismissal from the Diocesan World Youth Day Pilgrimage and forfeiture of all payments.*

Signature

Date

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Printed Name

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