



ROMAN CATHOLIC

DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Office of Child and Youth Protection

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Parent/Guardian Media Consent and Release Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

By completing and signing this Parental Media Consent and Disclaimer Form, it is understood that, as part of catechesis and education in parishes and schools, my child/student may participate in live and/or recorded electronic communications and activities, such as group email, group text messages, social media and/or audio or video conferencing (using only the specific platforms designated below).

These activities and images may be recorded and included on the official website of the Diocese, Parish or School or in social media publications, materials and campaigns, as well as in other media initiatives (e.g. print or electronic news media, newsletters, websites, fundraising, advocacy and development efforts, grant applications, and video, PowerPoint, or other electronic or communication media presentations), only in compliance with *the Policy and Guidelines for the Use of Technology, Email, and Social Media* and other related policies, without compensation to the child or parent/guardian.

Photographs, video conferences and recordings, social media messages, and other print and electronic media may be available for an indeterminate period of time, unless otherwise noted: _____

and restricted to specific groups of people: _____

and, for a specific purpose: _____

✚ Parents/guardians who have completed and meet the Safe Environment, Training, and Background Research requirements, and have submitted the current Adult Code of Conduct to the Parish/School Safe Environment Coordinator may request to participate in videoconferencing/audio conferencing sessions involving their child. Parents/guardians may, at any time, request copies of materials sent to their child in connection with electronic communications.

✚ I understand that, due to the nature of electronic communication platforms and the media, confidentiality and/or protection against unauthorized dissemination cannot be guaranteed.

✚ I understand that any photograph, audio or video recording will be used only by the Diocese, Parish or School in a legal manner and that at no time will my child be represented in an unethical manner.

✚ I certify that I am aware of, understand and agree to comply with the *Policy and Guidelines for the Use of Technology, Email and Social Media*: <https://dioscg.org/wp-content/uploads/Policy-and-Guidelines-for-the-Use-of-Tech-Email-Soc.-Media.2021.pdf>

✚ I understand that unauthorized (one-to-one) personal conversations between diocesan staff and minors are a violation of the *Policy and Guidelines for the Use of Technology, Email and Social Media*, and that I may report any concerns or violations to the Diocesan Office of Communications, Media and Publications, the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, Law Enforcement, or the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline **800-392-3738** or **844-CAN-TELL**.

✚ This Consent and Discharge Form is effective for the current academic year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year, and may be revoked by the parent/guardian at any time upon written notice.

Child/Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parish/School/Group and Place: _____

Permission is granted for these contact preferences (initial and full):

____ Group Emails for Parent/Guardian: _____ Child: _____

____ Group Text Messages for Parent/Guardian: _____ Child: _____

____ Video or audio conferencing platform: _____

____ Designated social media platform: ____ Facebook ____ Twitter ____ Instagram ____ YouTube

____ **NO, I do not consent to my child being contacted by any means of electronic communication.**

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Phone number: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____