



## Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

### *Office of Child and Youth Protection*

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pastoral Center  
2713 West Chestnut Avenue; Altoona, PA 16601-1720  
Telephone: (814) 695-5579/ Fax: (814) 949-8234  
Coordinator Michele Luciano, [mluciano@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mluciano@dioceseaj.org)  
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website: [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)  
Safe Environment website: <https://youthprotection.dioceseaj.org/>

### ***Youth Protection Code of Conduct for Confirmation Sponsors***

#### ***As a confirmation sponsor and Christian role model, I will:***

- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with children and/or youth during my role as a confirmation sponsor.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison.
- Report any reasonable suspicion of neglect or abuse to PA ChildLine. I understand that in Pennsylvania failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a misdemeanor.

#### ***As a confirmation sponsor and Christian role model, I will not:***

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children and/or youth during the time I am preparing or standing as a sponsor for confirmation purposes.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time during the time I am preparing or standing as a sponsor for confirmation purposes.
- Touch a child and/or youth or speak to a child and/or youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates, ridicules or threatens children and/or youth.

I understand that as an approved sponsor any action I take inconsistent with the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Policies for Youth Protection (<https://youthprotection.dioceseaj.org/youth-protection-policy/>) may result in my dismissal as a sponsor in the confirmation process.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OCYP July 2022