

Code of Behavior

We are excited that you are joining us as part of *the Louisiana Youth Pilgrimage to the March for Life*. This *Code of Behavior* has been developed as a way of helping participants understand what is expected of them during the event, and of making the learning experience a healthy one for all involved. Please read through the *Code* carefully, as you will be expected to honor and uphold it throughout the trip.

- **Damage:** The families of participants assume responsibility for any damage done to facilities, transportation, and lodges.
- **Participation:** Each youth must commit to participating in each part of the pilgrimage experience. Name badges must be worn at all times.
- **Dress:** Dress throughout the pilgrimage is casual but appropriate for a Christian environment; shirts and shoes are always required. T-shirts/sweatshirts with alcohol, tobacco, or sexual overtones are not acceptable, nor is immodest clothing exposing any part of under garments, bellybuttons, etc. Sleepwear is permitted only in the sleep areas.
- **Medicine:** All medicine, including over the counter medications, must be held and dispensed to you by your chaperone throughout the trip. See Medical Release Form for details on over the counter medications provided by the trip nurses and doctors.
- **Headphones, Games, or Cell Phones:** Participants may bring music players with headphones or portable electronic games for the journey to and from the pilgrimage, but these items should not be used during events, speakers, tours, etc. If they become a problem, that is, a frequent barrier to participation, they will be confiscated for the trip. Youth are asked that cell phones are used discretely, infrequently, and only for emergencies or family contact. The primary emergency cell phone number for the trip is (225) 993-1391.
- **Acceptable Behavior:** Christian behavior is expected at all times. Respect for individuals, the community, and the various facilities is required. Teasing, harassment (this includes bullying), sexual jokes, inappropriate displays of affection, etc. are considered inappropriate for this Christian environment. Students who are dating are asked to put aside these relationships for the duration of the trip, and focus instead on joining in, participating with the group, and watching for ways to address the needs of others on the trip. Moreover, “hooking-up” on any level is considered a serious violation and may result in dismissal from the trip. Finally, during overnight bus trips, students of opposite sex are separated between the front and back of the bus.
- **Sleeping Quarters:** Participants must be in their respective lodges/rooms by curfew time. The noise level in the lodges should be kept to a minimum and all conversations end with lights out. Scheduled quiet and homework times must be honored. No visiting is ever allowed in sleeping areas occupied by the opposite sex.
- **Tobacco and Drugs:** As with all youth activities within the Diocese of Lafayette, we will strictly adhere to the state laws regarding tobacco products, therefore tobacco products are not allowed by students or anyone under the age of 18. *Rockstar, Full Throttle, Nos* and similar energy drinks are also prohibited on this trip. Finally, the purchase, possession or consumption of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs by participants will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Parent or Guardian: I agree that my child shall abide by the rules and regulations outlined in this Code of Behavior; I have reviewed it and discussed the Code with my child prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child fails to consistently abide by the Code or engages in a serious infraction of the Code, he or she may be immediately dismissed from the program and sent home **at my expense**.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Youth Participant: I understand and agree to this Code of Behavior. I also understand that my parent(s) or guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from the program and that I will be sent home **at my own or their expense**. (Your signature must appear below in order to participate in the pilgrimage.)

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____