



Youth Code of Conduct

We want you to enjoy your time here as well as gain valuable information to take back to your (Arch) Diocese and parishes. This is a time to celebrate, pray, worship, meet new people, exchange ideas, have fun, and to experience the community of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas.

You are representing the Catholic Church and your (Arch) Diocese, and are asked to conduct yourself accordingly. All participants should exhibit Christian consideration, sensitivity, respect, and maturity. We respectfully ask for your cooperation, and are sure that you will have no trouble adhering to the following *Code of Conduct*.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES & RULES

1. Adult sponsors/chaperones will be assigned to a group of conference participants. Please check in with your chaperone on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please contact your chaperone. Please know the room number of your chaperone.
2. Adult Leaders are acting in the best interest of all participants, and will be enforcing this code of conduct. Understand that you are asked to respect and listen to adult leaders/chaperones when asked or instructed to act.
3. For your safety, you are not allowed to leave the event site for ANY reason without chaperone or (Arch) Diocesan leader.
4. Participants must carry a picture ID on them at all times.
5. Participants are expected to attend all scheduled conference activities.
6. NAME TAGS are to be worn at all times in order to be admitted to all activities.
7. Youth who cause problems will be reported to their (Arch) Diocesan Director. If necessary, parents will be notified and youth will be sent home.
8. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times when not in your hotel room or pool areas.
9. Socializing prior to curfew should be done in the public areas of the hotel since noise levels must be kept to a minimum in the sleeping areas. This guarantees the right to privacy and to peace and quiet, for not only fellow conference attendees, but also other guests who may be staying in the hotel at the time. Please be respectful of these other persons and use rooms for sleeping, not for visiting.
10. Males and females are to remain in separate sleeping spaces at all times. No visiting is allowed in rooms by members of the opposite sex.

11. Please refrain from "joy riding" on the elevators. Please do not overcrowd elevators.
12. All participants must be in their respective hotel rooms by curfew on each night of the conference. Do not leave your rooms after curfew.
13. Throwing objects from balconies into the street or atrium areas will not be tolerated. Such behavior can result in serious injury to persons and/or property and can result in youth being sent home.
14. Please keep your hotel rooms in order. If you choose to disregard basic rules of tidiness and cleanliness, and housekeeping personnel have trouble getting into your room, they will be instructed to not service/clean your room. Occupants are responsible for any damage done to hotel rooms. Keep your door locked at all times in your hotel room, and do not leave valuables in your hotel room unattended.
15. We utilize hotels and convention center space. Participants should remain in the assigned areas of the conference at all times, unless during specified free times. During those times please be aware of assigned boundaries/perimeters. Your adult sponsor should know where you are at all times.
16. Follow water safety rules when in the swimming pools. No running or horseplay around the pool is permitted. Follow all posted guidelines in pool areas. For your safety in case you choose to swim, understand that there is no lifeguard and you are swimming at your own risk and will follow basic water safety rules when in the swimming pools.
17. NO illegal drugs, alcohol, underage smoking, firearms, explosives, or other illegal substances. The purchase, possession or consumption of beer, wine, other alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products by minors and the possession or use of illegal drugs by any individual will not be tolerated. Infraction of these rules will mean immediate dismissal from the conference. The hotel bars and lounges are OFF LIMITS to ALL participants
18. Christ-like behavior is expected at all times. Inappropriate contact, touch, gesture, language or activity of an offensive nature is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Respect for all adult leaders, peers, and all property is expected.

I have read and discussed this Code of Conduct with my parent/guardian and agree to abide by its' guidelines during the 2014 Region 10 Catholic Youth Conference.