



St. Mary "Our Lady of the Dunes"  
EDGE & LIFE TEEN Youth Groups

## Code of Conduct

Any individuals taking part in any activity with the EDGE or LIFE TEEN Youth Groups must read, understand, sign and return this form.

### EDGE/LIFE Nights or other Miscellaneous Activities

- † It is expected that all individuals treat each other with respect at all times. No fighting, yelling, talking over people or laughing when someone makes a mistake.
- † All individuals are expected to use positive and up-building language at all times. Language should be acceptable to a Christian environment.
- † There should be no public displays of affection. If you are dating someone within the youth group, remember that you are there for your own growth as an individual. There will be no holding of hands, kissing or hugging between you and your girlfriend/boyfriend.
- † There should be only one person in the bathroom at a time.
- † There will be no use or possession of alcohol, weapons, cigarettes or drugs.
- † Everyone is responsible for the upkeep of the Youth Room. Pick up after yourself and put back games or other materials that were used during the night. Don't forget to clean up after yourself when you have eaten. Pick up crumbs, clean up spills and pack up leftovers. The room should be as it was when you walked in.
- † Cell phones must be on silent during any event. You may not take any call unless it is from a parent/guardian. In some cases (like retreats) cell phones will not be permitted.
- † Portable electronic devices are not permitted at any time. This includes, laptops, iPods, CD players, DVD players, radios of any kind or electronic video games.
- † You may not leave the building at any time without permission.
- † You may not leave the grounds of the Church without your parent/guardian. If at anytime, your parent/guardian wishes for you to leave with someone else, your parent/guardian must notify the Youth Minister or Coordinator of Youth Ministry before the night or event begins.
- † There will be no wandering away without permission from the Coordinator of Youth Ministry or Chaperone. There will also be no outside playing unless an organized activity is taking place.
- † Be respectful to the CORE members. Do as you are asked by them. They are here to help you in any way that they can and keep you safe.
- † Be respectful of the fact that a schedule is being kept.
- † Dress Code applies.

## Retreats, Conferences, Camps or other Overnight Activities

- † **ALL OF THE RULES ABOVE APPLY.**
- † When using a blanket, it should be used for one person only.
- † Boys are never allowed in the girl's rooms nor are girls allowed in the boy's rooms. Lights out will be determined during overnight activities. Co-ed socialization will be in the main meeting room.
- † Pillow fights or throwing of objects are not allowed.
- † Remember that tampering with the fire extinguishers, fire alarms or smoke detectors carries a Fire Department Fine.
- † The Kitchen and rooms occupied by the Chaperones are off limits unless specific permission is given.
- † There will be plenty of time for physical activities outside. Please observe sensible play and fun indoors. Report any damaged property immediately to the Coordinator of Youth Ministry. We need to report any damage, so we do not get charged for it. **Your parent/guardian will be financially responsible for any damage that is the result of rowdiness or vandalism.**

## Youth Conduct Agreement

I, the undersigned, understand that I have a responsibility to abide by the Code of Conduct which is provided for any organized activity. I understand this Code of Conduct is provided to insure the safety, security, well-being and respect of myself and others. I understand that the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, its employees and its representatives will not be held liable if I fail to abide by this Code of Conduct.

I understand that the illegitimate or unreasonable use or possession of alcohol, weapons, cigarettes or drugs is not acceptable while participating in events sponsored by St. Mary "Our Lady of the Dunes" or the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon through its Office of Youth/Young Adult Ministry. If I should be found in possession of or using such substances illegitimately or unreasonably, I understand and agree that I will notify my parents/guardians at the time of discovery, that necessary legal action will be taken and that I will be returned home immediately at my own or my parent's/guardian's expense.

I understand finally, that any other serious failure to act reasonably in regard to the Code of Conduct or common human understandings, may also result in the notification of my parents/guardians, taking necessary legal action and/or my being returned home. I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the decisions of the Youth Ministry Staff in regards to any consequences of infractions. I also understand that the consequences of violating this Code of Conduct will not only affect this activity, but also whether or not I will be allowed to participate in any future activities with this group.

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Teen's Signature

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Print Name

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Parent's Signature

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Date