

**Middle School Youth Ministry Signed Waiver**

**2024-2025**

**Model Release Statement for Photos, Videos & Livestreams**

**I herebyGRANT-** Permission for my child(ren) named on this form to be photographed, videotaped and/or livestreamed during Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Activities and events; and for the resulting photographs and/or videotaped footage to be edited, if necessary, and be published and/or broadcast (newspaper, church bulletin, church/diocesan website, etc) for the purpose of promoting the activities of St. Michael Catholic First Communion Program.

**I hereby DECLINE-** Permission for my child(ren) named on this form to be photographed, videotaped and/or livestreamed.

**Parental Permission and Acknowledgement of Conditions for Participating in Program**

1. I/we, parent or authorized guardian of the child named above given permission for his/her participation in **St. Michael Middle School Ministry,** and all related activities, including but not limited to transportation to and from this youth ministry event.
2. I/we agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from Youth Ministry staff or adult volunteer leaders.
3. I /we agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child as a result of his/her participation in this event, whether or not caused by the negligence of parish, youth ministry program employees, agents or volunteers or other participants.
4. I/we understand that youth participating in youth ministry events risk injury to the body, psyche or property damage to themselves and others. Such injuries can be caused by other persons or facilities, vehicle accidents while in transport or through the activity itself.
5. My child has permission to engage with his/her faith formation class via video conferencing (i.e. Zoom) as necessary and be recorded.

**Release & Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in **St. Michael Catholic Church Youth Ministry,** use the equipment provided and to enter the premises or facilities of the Diocese of Oakland (Diocese) for any purpose including observation and participation in activities, the parent or guardian for him or herself and any successors in interest an on behalf of the minor child agrees:

1. To release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, and its affiliated entities, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as “Releases”) from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, injury to psyche or property of the participant, whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releases while the participant is participating in this event or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.
2. To indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent guardian in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any youth ministry activities whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.
3. That the participant has read this Agreement, voluntarily signs the Agreement and that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the contents of this written Agreement have been made.

* I **have read this agreement and understand everything written above.**

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**