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May 4, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Teens,

We recognize that young people and their families face unique challenges in their faith that were not present in previous generations. There are increased demands of school, work, and extracurricular activities placed upon families. Despite accessibility to new ways of communication, individual experiences of isolation in our society have dramatically increased. We are here to walk with you and bring you hope to face these challenges as a family. Our ministry is here to create a culture where it is easier for a young person to choose Jesus in their life.

Parents play an irreplaceable role in their faith life of their child, but we know that it can be immensely challenging. We are not here to judge. Our ministry is here to support adults in their role of witnessing the faith to young people. We want to be advocates for parents and guardians to offer them resources and support.

Opportunities for young people like retreats, conferences, discipleship groups, service projects, summer camps, World Youth Day, etc.

We love to dialogue with parents about ways they might become involved in our ministry. We have parents who host meetings in their homes, offer snacks, chaperone events, and lead or assist with discipleship groups. Our goal is to help equip parents to have the tools and confidence that they need to minister to their young person, while also offering examples of other faithful witnesses in the Church. These other faithful witnesses consist of parish volunteers that live the faith boldly, participate in the life of the Church through daily prayer lives, Sunday Mass, and participate in the sacrament of Confession regularly. We are very grateful for them!

Our summer calendar ([stcharlesfortwayne.org/ministry-calendar](http://stcharlesfortwayne.org/ministry-calendar)) is focused on larger-group ministry opportunities, like our weekly Wednesday gatherings at the Youth Center, Steubenville Youth Conference, Catholic Youth Summer Camp, and the Diocesan World Youth Day Conference in August at Headwaters Park (Find information about these events and others on our website: [stcharlesfortwayne.org/HS](http://stcharlesfortwayne.org/HS)). During the month of August, we will offer training opportunities for our youth ministry volunteer leaders.

After Labor Day in September, we plan to have a color-wars event on the Sunday of Cardinal Fest weekend! Then, we will focus our efforts on discipleship ministry through the fall and spring semesters of the school year. Discipleship groups are where young people engage deeper in Catechesis and knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn about the lives of the Saints, build a prayer life, foster their relationship with the sacraments, and grow in virtuous relationships with their peers. Discipleship groups are led by parish volunteers who take on ownership of the groups, build relationships, and journey with the teens throughout middle and high school. Discipleship groups cover topics including, but not limited to: prayer, the Church, true friendships, Theology of the Body, Catholic Social Doctrine, the Saints, the sacraments, and

vocations. The heart of these discipleship groups is a deeper relationship with Jesus and it is witnessed by the trained leaders who mentor the students and foster fellowship in relationship with their peers.

During the school semester, we also offer more occasional large group ministry opportunities that serve as catalysts for conversion and offer firmer foundations for those already in a relationship with Jesus, like the semesterly retreats at St. Felix (November 18-20, 2022 and March 24-26, 2023). We were unable to book the missionaries from Catholic Youth Summer Camp for the fall retreat yet, but we have them booked for the spring retreat and are trying to work something out for the fall. We also may take a group of teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis (November of 2022). We look forward to participating in other events such as Christmas caroling, the March for Life, and World Youth Day 2023, etc.

We invite your high school teens to join our ministry this year as we offer many opportunities to grow closer to God. We really look forward to getting to know families better and accompanying them as they continue to journey in faith and foster their relationship with Jesus Christ. In this packet, you will find annual emergency medical care forms, electronic communication forms, and photo consent forms that need completed and returned to our youth ministry office. You can send them with your child to the next youth ministry gathering, return them by mail, or email using the contact information below.

If you have any questions regarding our upcoming events or ways for your young person to get involved, please contact us. You are in our prayers!

In Christ,

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**2022-2023 ANNUAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FORM**

**Note:** Parents must complete, sign and submit this form prior to the commencement of each Parish Youth Ministry Program year for each child enrolled in a Parish Youth Ministry Program. **Parents are responsible for updating the information on this form should changes occur during the Parish Youth Ministry Program year.**

**Consent to Emergency Medical Care**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, I request that the parish make reasonable attempts to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number) or \_\_\_\_\_ (other parent/adult) at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number).

**I understand that in an emergency, exigent circumstances may prevent the parish from contacting me immediately, or the parish may be unable to reach me. I therefore consent to the parish taking action which it deems necessary to secure emergency medical care/treatment for my child even if I have not been contacted.** I understand that decisions concerning the type of emergency medical care or treatment administered are normally made by health care providers and not by the parish and that exigent circumstances may require the administration of emergency medical care or treatment without my prior consent. However, I have indicated below any treatment preferences I have for my child which the parish may disclose to a health care provider. (Parents/guardians may check and complete any of the following):

\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ is my preferred physician and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ is my preferred dentist.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is my preferred hospital.

\_\_\_\_ Receipt of my consent prior to my child receiving major surgery unless the medical options of two licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained before surgery is performed.

\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The parish may also disclose the following checked information to a health care provider:

\_\_\_\_ Insurance Information: Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Policy/Group/Claim No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ The following information regarding allergies my child has, medication my child is taking, and other medical facts about my child: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that in the event of an emergency, the parish will make reasonable efforts to notify a health care provider of the above-checked information, but I acknowledge that I am responsible for communicating such information to the appropriate medical personnel.

Check One:

\_\_\_\_ I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as non-aspirin products, i.e. acetaminophen or ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate. (We keep a first aid kit on hand for other over-the-counter medications as needed.)

\_\_\_\_ NO medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date                      Parent/Guardian Signature                      Parent/Guardian Name Printed



**Electronic Communication Notification & Release / Photo and Media Consent and Release**

**Part I.** During the 2022-2023 youth ministry program year the parish of St. Charles Borromeo will use the following forms of communication and technology to communicate with your minor child regarding various educational or programming events.

The following is a list of some electronic formats we may use during this year:

- Educationally appropriate websites or applications as chosen by parish, such as Formed.org, Word on FIRE, Spotify
- Flocknote email & text (You can opt out of these texts for replying STOP or UNSUBSCRIBE)
- Email on public sites such as Gmail or St. Charles email @scbfw.org
- Group text messages
- St. Charles ministry Google Voice Number
- Telephone calls
- Two-way video and audio communication such as Zoom
- Parish website [www.stcharlesfortwayne.org](http://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org)
- GroupMe App Communication

I grant my child, \_\_\_\_\_(Print Name of Minor) permission to participate in the forms of electronic communication listed above in relation to the various programming events of St Charles Borromeo Youth Ministry.

**Would you like the parish/school to include you on all group communications to your minor child?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, please copy me on all group messages sent to my minor child.

\_\_\_\_ No, please DO NOT copy me on group messages sent to my minor child (I will still be copied on individual messages sent to my minor child).

**Part II. 2022-2023 PHOTO AND MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE:**

\_\_\_\_ I agree that St. St Charles Borromeo Youth Ministry, and/or the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend may use photographs, video or other media of my child for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

\_\_\_\_ No, I do not grant St Charles Borromeo Youth Ministry the right to take photographs, video or other media of my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Parent/Guardian)      (Signature of Parent/Guardian)      (Date)

**Contact Information:**

Minor’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor’s Cell Phone#

(ONLY if approved for Text Messages/Phone Calls): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone #

(ONLY if approved for Text Messages/Phone Calls): \_\_\_\_\_