



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Youth Protection Program

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## Sponsor Code of Conduct

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a sponsor, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Sponsor's Code of Conduct.

### As a sponsor, I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with children and/or youth at Church activities, making sure that there are always a sufficient number of chaperones.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children/youth or their parents/guardians without prior written approval from the pastor or administrator.
- Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor and the Department of Public Welfare or Childline. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a misdemeanor.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children/youth.

### As a sponsor, I will not:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children/youth.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time, especially while volunteering.
- Touch a child/youth or speak to a child/youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates, ridicules or threatens children/youth.

**I understand that, as a sponsor participating in the Confirmation preparation process with my candidate, any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct, the Policies for Youth Protection (available online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)) or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in my dismissal as a sponsor in the confirmation process.**

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Sponsor's printed name

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Sponsor's Signature

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Date