

Code of Conduct for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults

Read and initial each item to signify your agreement to comply with the statement.

- ___ I agree to do my best to prevent abuse and neglect among Minors and Vulnerable Adults involved in church activities and services.

- ___ I agree not to physically, sexually or emotionally abuse or neglect a Minor or Vulnerable Adult.

- ___ I agree to comply with the policies for general conduct with Minors and Vulnerable Adults defined in the *Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse*.

- ___ I agree to comply with the Guidelines for Appropriate Affection with Minors and agree to appropriately apply the Guidelines to Vulnerable Adults.

- ___ In the event that I observe any inappropriate behaviors or possible policy violations with Minors or Vulnerable Adults, I agree to immediately report my observations.

- ___ I acknowledge my obligation and responsibility to protect Minors and Vulnerable Adults and agree to report known or suspected abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults to appropriate church leaders and state authorities in accordance with the *Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse*.

- ___ I understand that the church will not tolerate abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults and I agree to comply in spirit and in action with this position.

Date

Signature

Please Print Name

Parish and/or Ministry where you will serve

NOTE: A copy of the Policy on Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse, P008, should be provided to you with this Code of Conduct form. The original signed Code of Conduct is to be kept on file at parish or institution where person will serve. A copy is to be sent to the Diocesan Chancellor's Office.