

Parent Letter: Jeremiah 1:7

Dear Parent,

Your son/daughter has been invited to serve in ministry to children or youth under the age of 18. This ministry, which assists adults in the care of children or youth, involves special attention to their safety and well-being. The Catholic Church has been especially committed to this endeavor through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' establishment of a national charter to protect God's children. Articles 6, 10, and 12 of the USCCB charter provide for age appropriate formation to ensure that proper care and safety have been established in the care of children.

USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People Essential Norms

ARTICLE 6. There are to be clear and well-publicized diocesan/eparchial standards of ministerial behavior and appropriate boundaries for clergy and for any other paid personnel and volunteers of the Church in positions of trust who have regular contact with children and young people.

ARTICLE 10. The whole Church, especially the laity, at both the diocesan and national levels, needs to be engaged in maintaining safe environments in the Church for children and young people.

ARTICLE 12. Dioceses/eparchies are to maintain "safe environment" programs which the diocesan/eparchial bishop deems to be in accord with Catholic moral principles. They are to be conducted cooperatively with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, volunteers, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people. Dioceses/eparchies are to make clear to clergy and all members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to children.

In that light, your son/daughter, as part of their role as a volunteer serving in regular contact with minors, has been asked to participate in a 2-hour formation program. The formation will be provided by trained facilitators acting on behalf of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

The objectives of the 2-hour program, named *Jeremiah 1:7*, serve to help the high school person involved in ministry to minors to:

1. understand the meaning of ministerial authority, stewardship, service and the effects of personal power in relationships
2. understand the meaning of sexual abuse
3. learn the meaning of personal and relational boundaries
4. acquire skills to establish and maintain appropriate boundaries
5. develop skills to recognize and report concerns and abuses for boundary violations with children and other teens

Your written permission for your child to attend this formation is required. Please direct any questions regarding this formation to your parish coordinator of this program. Thank you for your support in the care of God's children.



St. Cyril of Alexandria

Parent Release Form

**The Parent Release Form authorizes permission for high school youth to participate in
Jeremiah 1:7, a 2-hour safe environment program for high school persons
assisting adults with children under the age of 18.**

Name of Teen: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
(as of Aug. 2026) (as of Aug. 2026)

Address: _____
Street Address City Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please list 2 names and phone numbers of adults for emergency contacts (other than parents):

1. Name: _____ Phone #: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I, _____ hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to partake as a volunteer in ministries with children/youth under the age of 18 and to participate in the teen ministry training program for protecting God's children. I understand that the formation my child will be attending will be facilitated by a trained facilitator serving in accordance with the guidelines established by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date