



Mary, Mother of God Youth Group
HOPE Retreat Weekend 2024
Teen Permission Slip



Who: All High School teens, 8th Graders, and their friends and family in Grades 8 to 12
Location: **Camp Tecumseh** in Hunterdon County [445 Mechlin Corner Rd, Pittstown, NJ 08867]
Cost: \$60 [Make checks payable to *Mary, Mother of God Youth Group*]
Date & Times: **Friday night, March 8th to Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2024**
5pm Friday, March 8th: Be @ the MMoG parking lot
~3:30pm Sunday, March 10th: Returning to MMoG parking lot
Youth Ministry Contact: **Christine Folsom-Kovarik**
908 229-8909
christinefk@comcast.net

It is important not to miss sections of this retreat.
If you are not able to be with us the entire time,
then please contact Christine to discuss.

Participant (Teen) Information:

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 (for participants younger than 21 years old)

Name: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 (for participants younger than 21 years old)

Name: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact (other than Parent/Guardian)

Name: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Medical Care

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy and Group Number: _____
Family Physician Name: _____ Family Physician Phone: _____

Medical Conditions

List any medical conditions to be aware of: _____

List all current medications and reason for each:

Medication Allergy(s): _____

Food Allergy(s): _____

Epi-pen? YES / NO

Parents: Circle below if you can help and Call Christine (908 229-8909) for details! **Thank you!** 😊

Help drive Friday night Help drive Sunday afternoon Provide a menu item for a meal: _____

Join kitchen crew for a meal: Sat. breakfast or lunch or dinner Sunday breakfast or lunch

None of the above

Attention Parents and Guardians! Complete both front and back!



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PARENTAL CONSENT

I/we consent to my child, _____ ("my child"), participating in the above described activities/program. I/we specifically waive and release any and all claims of any nature which I/we may have now or in the future against the above named parish and/or school, the Diocese of Metuchen, their representatives, employees, agents and assigns (including, but not limited to, staff and adult supervisors) arising out of, related to, or connected in any way with the above described activity including, but not limited to, claims that may be derived from any accident or injury sustained by my child or damages or loss to property in route to, during, and/or returning from the activity.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

Should emergency medical treatment be necessary and I/we cannot be reached immediately, I/we authorize the delegated agents of the above-named parish to consent to medical or surgical treatment of an emergent or non-emergent nature, including in-patient or out-patient hospitalization, to be rendered to my child under the general or special supervision and advice of a physician, surgeon or dentist. Such consent may include, but is not limited to, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, diagnostic tests, blood tests, x-rays, transfusions, intravenous treatments, administration of medication or anesthetics, and any related procedures that may be deemed advisable or necessary. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority and power to the delegated agents of the above-named parish to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the aforementioned physician, surgeon or dentist, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, may deem advisable. I/we understand that I/we assume all financial responsibility for the delivery of such care at the time that such care is provided by the agency, hospital, or facility. I/we further understand that Diocesan and/or parish representatives are NOT permitted to dispense medication—unless parents previously discussed a child's need for a specific medication also noted on this form. In the event that my child requires medication during the above described activity, I/we understand that my child must be trained to self-administer medication or have a parent in attendance to administer medication.

PHOTO RELEASE

I/we hereby grant to the Diocese of Metuchen and its parishes, schools and assigns, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use, reproduce and publish photograph(s) or video(s) of my child, including their image and likeness for diocesan, parish or school publications, advertising, or website(s), or any other purpose and in any manner and medium; to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same. I/we hereby release The Diocese of Metuchen and its trustees, officers, employees, agents, legal representatives, and assigns from any and all claims, actions, and liability of whatever nature and relating to the use of said photograph(s) and/or video(s).

DISCIPLINE / TRANSPORTATION OR DAMAGE COSTS

I/we agree that I/we have read and fully understand the Office of Youth & Adult Ministry's Policies and Rules of Conduct (visit www.diometuchen.org/yyam) and I/we agree to adhere to them. I/we agree to respect the rights and property of others and further understand that vandalism, stealing or insubordination will not be tolerated. I/we assume all responsibility for any and all financial obligations that result from any such behavior or the violation of the Policies and Rules of Conduct. Should it be necessary for mychild to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary actions or otherwise, I/we assume all responsibility and transportation costs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Attention Parents and Guardians! Complete both front and back!



Diocese of Metuchen

Rules of Conduct for Youth Ministry



Youth Participants will

- Show Christian consideration, sensitivity and respect to everyone and to the property around them through language, dress and behavior
- Attend all scheduled activities, arriving promptly and staying for the entire event
- Refrain from inappropriate touching and verbal harassment
- Respect other persons and/or property
- Adhere to chaperones' directions
- Be aware of noise levels in lobbies, hallways and sleeping areas (if applicable), especially later in the evening
- Report problems of any kind to a trusted adult

Youth Participants will not

- Possess weapons of any kind
- Purchase, possess, consume or distribute alcohol or illegal drugs
- Engage in any form of sexual activity or peer sexual harassment or verbal harassment
- Purchase, download, possess, view or distribute pornography
- Visit or gather in bedrooms/dorm rooms with the opposite gender
- Act in any manner that could result in injury or property damage

Youth participants will be aware of what are and are not appropriate behaviors in terms of relationships between adults and youth, with their peers. **The following behaviors are generally considered appropriate at an event**

- Handshakes, high-fives and hand slapping side hugs, shoulder to shoulder or "temple" hugs
- Praise for a job well done (not regarding physical attributes)
- Arms around shoulders
- Holding hands while walking with younger minors
- Sitting beside young minors
- Kneeling or bending down for hugs with younger minors
- Holding hands during prayer
- Pats on the head (when culturally appropriate)
- Touching hands, faces (usually in context of a blessing), shoulders and arms of minors, arms around shoulders

The following behaviors are generally considered inappropriate at an event

- Kisses on the mouth
- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces
- Touching knees or legs of other participants
- Wrestling with others
- Being in or on a bed with an adult
- Holding anyone on the lap who is capable of sitting on their own
- Any type of massage given by adult to minor
- Any form of unwanted affection or peer sexual harassment
- Piggyback rides
- Any type of massage given by minor to adult or another minor
- Touching bottom, chests or genital areas
- Compliments or put downs that relate to physique or body development
- Going to an isolated area away from the group, or being taken to an isolated area by an adult or peer
- Showing affection in isolated areas of a facility such as bedrooms, restrooms, closets, staff-only areas or other private rooms

Youth and parents understand that failure to agree to and abide by the Diocesan Youth Code of Conduct will bar youth from participation in any diocesan/parish sponsored youth event.

Youth Participant Sanctions for Non-Compliance

Group leaders, chaperones and/or parents bear the responsibility for sharing this information with youth participants. Failure to do so does not excuse any inappropriate behavior on the part of youth participants nor does it affect the Diocese of Metuchen's ability to levy sanctions. If a young person violates the Diocesan Code of Conduct, any or all the following sanctions may be implemented:

1. Reporting of misconduct to local authorities, if the violation in any way violates local ordinance or laws.
2. Dismissal of the youth from the diocesan event or program by requesting that the group leader remove the youth from the event (whereby it would become the responsibility of the group leader/chaperone/parent to ensure timely, accompanied, and safe transportation home).