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SHARED RESPONSIBILITY for the SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH (revised 8/08)

PARENTS are the primary initiators of faith and first religious educators. The catechetical programs for Mary Immaculate and St. Rose communities support parents in their responsibility by providing forums for religious education, sacrament preparation, youth ministry, retreats, faith discussions and shared faith experiences among children, youth, teenagers, young adults and other parents or adult parishioners.

Volunteers are interviewed for their suitability in working with youth. Each provides character references and completes a personal registration form. Each volunteer is asked to describe their experience and training with youth, as well as indicate special talents they offer to the programs. **State background investigation forms and Code of Conduct agreements** also are required by the Diocese of Jefferson City. Parents may request review of any of these forms with the DRE or view them online at our parish website www.miparish.org or www.diojeffcity.org. Look for Protecting God's Children, VIRTUS or Safe Environment notations.

The staffing of our programs insures that volunteers work in "teams" with children, are appropriately supervised, and periodically meet with the DRE or Coordinator of Youth Ministry for needs assessment, catechetical planning and theological reflection. Parents are asked to assist in chaperoning classrooms or events. No volunteer is expected to shoulder sole responsibility for a group of children or youth. Whenever special activities are sponsored, permission forms are required (i.e. Lock-In, mini-retreat, field trips, etc). Students (and their guests) may not participate without a **signed parental consent form**.

Your signature below is one more way to protect the safety of our youth. It indicates your active participation and awareness of program expectations. And, it serves as a verification sample of your handwriting whenever we use permission slips. You are encouraged to consult with the DRE (Director of Religious Education) or pastor whenever you have questions.

SIGNATURE FORM

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

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Children: _____

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