

Permission Form and COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risks

We, the undersigned parent(s) and child, acknowledge and agree that, as a participant at **St. Ignatius of Loyola youth group activities** and as parent(s) of that child, entering the premises (youth room), having personal contact with youth ministers, peers, and other Parish staff, involves a certain degree of risk, namely of parent(s) and/or child acquiring a communicable disease, including COVID-19, and then potentially passing it on to others, including family members. Due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, the characteristics of the virus, and the close proximity of children, youth ministers, and staff at Saint Ignatius, there is an elevated risk of child contracting the disease simply by being in the building, on the premises, or at any youth group function. The same is true for parent(s) of a child at Saint Ignatius.

By signing this form below, we acknowledge and agree that after carefully considering the risks involved, and having the opportunity to discuss these risks with any healthcare professional(s) of our choosing, we voluntarily and willingly accept those risks and acknowledge that returning to in-person youth group activities and other in-person parish functions is the choice of each family, including ours. If child or parent(s) who visit youth group have underlying health concerns which may place them at greater risk of contracting any communicable disease, including COVID-19, we acknowledge and agree that we will consult with a health care professional before child or parent(s) return to youth group, attend any youth group function, or visit. Moreover, we acknowledge that while adherence to safety and precautionary measures (e.g., social distancing guidelines, facemasks, handwashing, etc.) may reduce possible exposure to the risk of contracting a communicable disease, the possibility of serious illness and death remains. We do hereby accept and assume sole responsibility for any illness acquired by child or parent(s) while at youth group or any youth group function, including possible infection with COVID-19.

We further acknowledge, understand, and agree that we have obligations to the Saint Ignatius youth group, its youth ministers, participants, and others to take certain precautions and make certain disclosures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, we agree that neither child nor parent(s) will come to youth group or attend any youth group function in person, if in the 14 days prior to coming to youth group or any youth group function, child or parent(s) has had any of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 °F or higher (intermittent or constant), chills, new muscle pains or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, or gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. This does not apply if these symptoms have been affirmatively diagnosed by a healthcare provider as being caused by some non-contagious illness or condition. In such case, we agree to obtain supporting documentation from our healthcare provider and share such documentation with youth group. Additionally, we agree that neither child nor parent(s) will come to youth group or any youth group function if in the last 14 days, child or parent(s) has had prolonged (more than 10 minutes) close contact (within 6 feet) with anyone, including a family member, diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.

Steubenville General Permission Form and Covid-19
Acknowledgment of risk

By signing this form the parental guardian of the participating child is granting 1. Permission for their child to attend the Steubenville conference and 2. Formally acknowledging the risk of possible illness due to the covid-19 virus

Child/Children's name: _____

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____