



Diocese of Alexandria

Code of Pastoral Conduct

For Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff, & Volunteers
This form is due by May 24, 2024 with the Steubenville South Volunteer Application.
Please fax to 318-473-0539 or 318-448-6121, Attn: Cari Terracina
OR email a scanned PDF copy to info@steubenvillesouth.com.

As a volunteer, I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with children and/or youth at Church activities.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
- Refuse to accept expensive gifts from children and/or youth or their parents without prior written approval from the pastor or administrator.
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children and/or youth without prior written approval from the parents or guardian and the pastor or administrator.
- Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor and [the local Child Protection Services agency]. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a misdemeanor.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.

As a volunteer, I will not:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while volunteering.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time.
- Pose any health risk to children and/or youth (i.e., no fevers or other contagious situations).
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap children and/or youth.
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade children and/or youth.
- Touch a child and/or youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates children and/or youth.
- Use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth.

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a volunteer, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Volunteer's Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children and youth who attend the Steubenville South Youth Conference.

I understand that as a volunteer working with children and/or youth, I am subject to a thorough background check including criminal history. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in my removal as a volunteer with children and/or youth.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to adhere to all Steubenville South Volunteer Policies and the Volunteer Code of Conduct above. My signature also indicates that I have fulfilled or am working to fulfill all requirements by May 24, 2024, to serve as a Volunteer at the 2024 Steubenville South Conference.

Volunteer's Name (Please Print)

Volunteer's Signature

Date

As a Pastor in the Diocese of _____, I acknowledge that the above-mentioned volunteer is in Compliance with our diocesan policy for safe environment.

Pastor's Name (Please Print)

Pastor's Signature

Date