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Dear Young People of the Diocese of Saint Cloud,

It is with enthusiasm that I invite you to participate in our Annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) "Strengthened," near Detroit Lakes, MN at the Young Life Castaway Camp. I pray that you can join the many youth from the diocese in celebrating and learning more about our shared Catholic faith during the conference Saturday, October 30, to Sunday, October 31, 2021.

I want to emphasize that I believe you are a gift from God and that your participation in our Church is a true blessing. You are needed to make our Church better because you are a sign of the goodness and vibrancy most needed in responding to God's call to discipleship. Your example influences others to make good and difficult choices in a world that often pushes us to take the easy road.

We have lived a very challenging couple of years due to the pandemic. There have been many sacrifices to endure with friends, family, school, work and in your faith life. We have all come a long way navigating through the pandemic and have been "strengthened" in many ways. I know you recognize that the pandemic is not over and there is more for us to do to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe. Covid 19 and the Delta variant are very contagious. It is vital that we all do what we can to follow the most recent Diocesan Covid 19 Guidance. Make sure to do all you can to get vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, be sure to be tested within 36 hours to the beginning of DCYC. I am asking you to either provide proof of vaccination or a negative Covid 19 test to keep us all safe during and after DCYC. You can provide this to your parish leaders before the conference. Thank you for all that you do to keep everyone safe and share Jesus with others.

I am excited to be joining you and your adult leaders during the conference and celebrating Mass. I look forward to meeting with you, sharing our rich faith, and God's abundant love.

There are funds available to help you participate in DCYC if there is a financial hardship. Please have your parish leaders contact the staff at Catholic Education Ministries to assist you if this is your circumstance.

May you continue to see the wonder and awe of God in your lives and hold onto God's unconditional love for you and those you encounter in your faith journey. I look forward to seeing each of you at DCYC!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Donald J. Kettler  
Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud



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**Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 10/30-31/2021*****B-1 YOUTH - PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND  
LIABILITY WAIVER FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FORM***

Use this form for all students in high school

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Cell Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission for my youth, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or guardian's name) (Youth's name)

to participate in this parish/diocesan event that requires transportation to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of **Diocese of St. Cloud-Catholic Education Ministries**, parish employees and/or volunteers from: **Sacred Heart Sauk Rapids**

**A brief description of the activity follows:**Type of event: **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) Strengthened**Date of Event: **Saturday, October 30 - Sunday, October 31, 2021**Cost of Retreat: **\$85 each by October 24, \$100 each October 24-28, 2021**Destination of event: **Young Life Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN**

Parish Leader &amp; Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinated by: **Diocese of St. Cloud-Catholic Education Ministries**Estimated time of departure and return: **Leave 10/30 morning - Return 10/31 mid afternoon**Mode of transportation to and from event: **To be determined by Parish – Students may not drive**

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the \_\_\_\_\_ its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the

(Church Name)

Diocese of St. Cloud, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my youth attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of St. Cloud, its employees and agents and chaperones, or representative associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish or diocese.

**Photos will be taken during DCYC for promotional purposes. If you do not want photos of your child to be used for promotional purposes, please let your Parish leader know in writing.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you would like a shirt and mark the size below

Short Sleeve T-Shirt: \$16 each    Long Sleeve T-Shirt: \$21 each    Hoodie Sweatshirt: \$30 each

Please Check One: I would like a: \_\_\_\_ Short Sleeve t-shirt    \_\_\_\_ Long Sleeve t-shirt    \_\_\_\_ Hoodie

Please Circle Desired Size:    s    m    l    xl    2xl    3xl    4xl

**Shirt Orders Due no later than Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**MEDICAL MATTERS:** I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my youth is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my youth.

→ → (Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable.) ← ←

**Emergency Medical Treatment:** In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my youth to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Name & relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Family doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Health Plan Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Medical Treatment:** In the event it comes to the attention of the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of Saint Cloud, chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity that my youth becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be called at: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:** My youth is taking medication at present. My youth will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the youth takes such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage, are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**No medication** of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my youth unless the situation is life threatening and emergency treatment is required.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I hereby grant permission for **non-prescription medication** (such as non-aspirin products, i.e. acetaminophen or ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my youth, if deemed appropriate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific Medical Information:** The parish will take care to see that this information will be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of COVID Vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include a copy of your vaccination card.*

**If not vaccinated, youth must provide their parish with a negative COVID test after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28.**

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? \_\_\_\_\_

Any physical limitations? \_\_\_\_\_

Is youth subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, fainting? \_\_\_\_\_

Has youth recently been exposed to contagious disease or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chicken pox, etc.? **YES** or **NO**

If so, list date and disease or condition: \_\_\_\_\_

You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child: \_\_\_\_\_

***B-2 YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT – DCYC***

Plainly stated, the code of conduct for all those participating in the DCYC Conference is one of Christian kindness, respect, hospitality, and care. It is our goal that each participant be a witness of Jesus' love and respect for all people, places and things.

Participants have the right to feel respected and safe. This code of conduct is meant to help prevent harassment and violence of any kind. Please note that any infractions of the rules may result in the youth's parent/guardian being notified to bring the youth home immediately. Please read through this form carefully before signing it.

***Completion of this form is mandatory for attendance.*****Expectations of Behavior**

1. All adult and youth participants may not use or possess alcoholic beverages, vaping, tobacco products, and/or any other illegal drug or substance. Participants may not use or possess any type of weapon or instrument that could be used as a weapon.
2. Participants are required to follow the schedule and participate in programs and activities unless exempted for medical reasons.
3. Participants and their parents/guardians will be responsible to make restitution for any damages they cause to properties utilized as part of the Conference. This includes graffiti and/or the physical damage to the facilities and the property of others.
4. Participants will not tamper with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fire alarms or any other emergency equipment. The tampering of such items is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable by law.
5. Participants are not allowed in the dorm rooms of persons of the opposite gender with the exception of small group meeting time and with the supervision of parish chaperones. Inappropriate sexual contact is not allowed.
6. Participants will agree to abide by all rules established by Camp Director and parish leaders; including lights out times, dorm quiet time, and other such rules, including COVID 19 Guidance.
7. Harassment in any form will not be tolerated.
8. Participants shall agree to respect the role of adult leaders in promoting and administering the above rules and regulations.
9. **Youth participants will be allowed cell phones at designated times.** Parish leaders may collect phones as needed and from time-to-time. Cell phones may not be used in a manner that would violate our Christian ethics or in a distracting/disruptive manner. Parish Leaders will return any collected phones at the end of the retreat on Sunday.
10. Limited use of other electronic devices may be allowed. Music, videos, etc... need to be within the parameters of Catholic teaching. These devices may not be used during organized retreat sessions or in a distracting/disruptive manner. No gaming systems will be allowed.

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**Discipline Procedure**

1. Complaint will be addressed by the Diocesan Conference Director(s).
2. Conference Coordinators, Youth Minister, and young person(s) will complete Disciplinary Report Form.
3. Diocesan Director, Conference Coordinators and Youth Minister will make decision on appropriate consequences.
4. Parish leaders and volunteers may be consulted/involved in the decision.
5. Parent/Guardian notification will occur deemed appropriate by Conference Director and Coordinators.
6. Proper consequences will take place as deemed appropriate.

**I have read the above Code of Conduct and agree to support and abide by it.**

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please hand in to your Parish Coordinator:**

- **Completed B-1 Registration/Permission Form**
- **Completed B-2 Code of Conduct**
- **Young Life Guest Consent Release Form**
- **\$85.00 payment and shirt fee if applicable.**
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Card (if vaccinated)**





GUEST CONSENT RELEASE FORM FOR OUTSIDE GROUPS USING YOUNG LIFE CAMP

**NOTE TO GUEST:** Young Life wants your experience at the Young Life camps to be a safe and healthy one. However, in the event of an accident or illness, it is important that we have the following information.

Name _____		Last _____		First _____		Middle Initial _____	
Birthdate _____		Age _____		Sex _____			
Spouse/First Emergency Contact _____							
Last _____		First _____		Middle Initial _____			
Home Address _____							
Street and Number _____		City _____		State/Province _____		Zip/Postal _____	
Phone	Home _____	Business _____		Cell _____			
Second Emergency Contact _____							
Last _____		First _____		Middle Initial _____			
Home _____							
Street and Number _____		City _____		State/Province _____		Zip/Postal _____	
Phone	Home _____	Business _____		Cell _____			
Any allergies or other medical needs? _____							
Name of Physician _____				Phone _____			
Last _____		First _____					
Address _____							
Street and Number _____		City _____		State/Province _____		Zip/Postal _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have had a physical within the last 24 months							
Medical Insurance Company _____				Policy # _____		Phone _____	
Address _____				Website _____			
Street and Number _____		City _____		State/Province _____		Zip/Postal _____	

**INDEMNITY AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT:**

I will not hold or attempt to hold Young Life liable for any loss, damage or injury to person or property caused by any act or neglect of other persons on or about the Property, or caused in any manner other than the willful or negligent act of Young Life, its agents and employees, and will indemnify and hold Young Life harmless from any liability for damages or claims against Young Life arising out of or in any way related to any such loss, damage or injury.

I release Young Life, including its trustees, employees and agents, from my physical injury, including death, or illness while at the Property. I will assume the risk associated therewith, whether known or unknown to me at this time. This release is also intended to include all claims of my family, estate, heirs, personal representatives or assigns.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT:**

I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to secure and administer treatment and to maintain and/or release any medical records necessary for insurance purposes as outlined under the HIPAA regulation, and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for the above named person.

To obtain a copy of Young Life's Notice of Privacy Practices, log on to [www.younglife.org](http://www.younglife.org) or call (719) 867-3600.

I verify that I am or my child is in good health and am capable of participating in strenuous activities, and when necessary, will tailor my activities to those within the bounds of my physical health.

In Colorado, campers will participate in rigorous activities at 9,000 to 14,000 feet. I recognize that any medical treatment and/or medical transportation that is provided to me or my child while attending a Young Life camp will be paid for by my medical insurance company.

Canada: Malibu Club/Beyond Malibu: I agree that any complaint, demand, dispute, claim involving bodily injury including death and/or personal injury or cause of action arising out of or in any way related to Young Lie's Malibu Club or Beyond Malibu, including any activity, event, medical treatment, and/or transportation will be governed by the laws and jurisdiction of the Canadian Province where the event or incident occurred.

**COVID-19:** I recognize that a national emergency was declared because of the COVID-19 outbreak and that different states and/or counties/cities may be in various states of emergency. I recognize that even if Young Life has taken reasonable actions in light of COVID-19 and other coronaviruses, there is no guarantee that me or my child will not contract/transmit COVID-19 or other infectious or contagious illnesses or diseases while participating in activities and events at the Young Life property/camp, or traveling to and from, Young Life's camp property and I release Young Life in the event of such an occurrence.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has identified that certain individuals are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness if they become ill with COVID-19. This includes those who have chronic lung disease, moderate/severe asthma, a serious heart condition, are immunocompromised, or have severe obesity, diabetes, or chronic kidney/liver disease or who are over the age of 65. Based on the CDC's High-Risk criteria, you have determined if you want to participate in this event or if you want your child to participate in this event.

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This form must be signed by all **participants**.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE**

If I am under the age of 18, or under the age of 19 if attending Malibu Club or Beyond Malibu, my parent or guardian, by signing below, also consent to my release and he or she agrees that this release shall be binding upon him or her as my parent or guardian as to me and my estate, heirs, personal representatives and assigns. My parent or guardian also promises, by signing below to defend, indemnify and hold Young Life harmless from any claim asserted by me against Young Life, including its trustees, employees and agents, if I should repudiate this release after obtaining adulthood.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Your Group/Church \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Event \_\_\_\_\_