

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH - VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for offering to work with the children and youth of our parish. Volunteers are indispensable to our programs. Please fill out the information requested below and return this form to the Religious Education or Parish Office.

Applicant's Name _____ Male Female

Complete Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Current Employment (position and location) _____

Volunteer position(s) interested in at Our Lady of Victory _____

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSION AND BACKGROUND CHECK

Volunteers who work with the youth of our parish must also submit to a background check and attend a Protecting God's Children session. Information on how to complete these requirements can be found on the OLV website, www.ourladyofvictory.cc, Under the Protecting God's Children/Volunteer Tab.

Have you attended a **Protecting God's Children** session? yes no

Have you submitted to a **BCI background check**? yes no

Safe Environment - Volunteer Code of Conduct

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children and youth at Our Lady of Victory Parish.

I will:

- Safeguard children and youth entrusted to my care at all times.
- Faithfully represent and practice the teachings of the Catholic Church with integrity in word and action.
- 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, ensuring that two-deep ministry is a standard practice.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
- Serve all people without regard to gender, creed, national origin, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political beliefs.
- Report suspected abuse to the DRE, Child Protective Services, Local Authorities and Regina Quinn, Manager of Diocese Safe Environment Program. I understand that I have a moral obligation to report suspected abuse.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.
- Obey all traffic laws when driving children and youth and adhere to the Diocese of Columbus Volunteer Driver and Cell Phone Policy.
- NOT post online pictures, videos or other information that may identify a minor without permission from a minor's parent or guardian.
- NOT Interact with or engage children and youth through personal social media.

I will not:

- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time while working with children.
- 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.
- Drive a vehicle not in compliance with regulations and/or inspections while driving children.

I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS COMPLETE AND TRUTHFUL. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT AND COMMIT TO UPHOLD THIS CODE IN MY MINISTRY. 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. I ALSO AGREE TO ATTEND A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSION AND TO SUBMIT TO A BACKGROUND CHECK.

Signature _____ Date _____