

**TEEN PLEDGE**

I, pledge that I will ...

- remember that I am attending a Catholic Youth Conference and allow myself and those around me an opportunity to discover something new about our faith and our personal journeys;
- make a concerted effort to project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone and to the property around them through language, dress, and behavior;
- abide by all the rules, including but not limited to:
  - staying together as a parish
  - observing the conference dress code
  - allow myself to disconnect from my electronic devices, i.e. cell phone, ipads, etc., in order to be open to the Holy Spirit and this part of my faith journey
  - respecting others and their opinions, properties, etc.
  - participating in all the activities with an open mind & positive attitude
  - arriving on time for scheduled events / activities
  - listening to the adult chaperones and respecting the decisions made for the health and safety of myself and others
  - respecting the intent of the general sessions and not participating in any yelling or general disruption during general sessions, workshops or anytime during the conference;
- be respectful of others and keep noise levels at a minimum while in lobbies, hallways, and sleeping areas, especially later in the evenings;
- maintain a positive attitude throughout the weekend and keep in mind the spirit of the conference.

I pledge that I will not...

- purchase, possess, or consume alcohol or drugs while attending the Rainbow Conference at the Marriott Hotel;
- possess weapons of any kind;
- have my cell phone or any electronic device on during general sessions;
- engage in any form of peer harassment or disrespectful conduct.

If a problem of any kind occurs during this conference, I understand that my parents will be called and I will be sent home immediately.

Youth and parents understand that failure to agree to abide by this Rainbow Contract – the Code of Conduct Pledge will bar youth from participation in this conference.

CYO never has direct responsibility for chaperoning the conduct of youth participants in its programming and events. CYO relies on group leaders and chaperones from the participant’s home parish/school to ensure that every young person attending the conference is aware of this code of conduct and the sanction for non-compliance. Group leaders, chaperones, and/or parents bear the responsibility for sharing this information with youth participants. Any failure to do so does not excuse any inappropriate behavior on the part of youth participants nor does it affect CYO’s ability to levy sanctions. Youth participants are held to the Youth Code of Conduct Pledge regardless.

It is also understood that if a youth violates this contract, any or all of the following sanctions may be implemented:

- Reporting of misconduct to local authorities, if the violation in any way violates local ordinances or laws.
- Dismissal of the youth from the conference by requesting that the adult in charge remove the youth from the event [whereby it would become the responsibility of the adult in charge/designated chaperone/parent to ensure timely, accompanied, and safe transportation home].

I understand that, if I choose to break any of the above rules, I agree to face the consequences for my actions when I arrive home. I agree to participate in a meeting with my parents, the Pastor, Youth Minister and adult chaperones upon my return to face the consequences of my actions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PARENT PLEDGE**

If my child chooses to break any of the above rules while attending the Rainbow Conference, I agree to pick him/her up from the conference immediately and I agree to participate in a meeting with my child, the Pastor, Youth Minister and adult chaperones to discuss consequences for my child’s actions.

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

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