

# St. Frances Xavier Cabrini



## Student Covenant

The following is a statement of conduct for all youth activities (mass, youth nights, events, trips, etc) that is to be read and signed by both student and parent.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the following code of conduct during all youth activities.

### **I WILL RESPECT EVERYONE.**

- I will respect, listen to, and cooperate with all youth leaders, deacons, priests, chaperones, and any other adult at all times.
- I will respect and strive to build up each person in our youth group and others.
- I will not bully, gossip, harass, intimidate, demean, prank, physically attack, verbally abuse, threaten (verbal or written), make jokes or innuendos about **ANY person at ANY time. Bullying will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances.**
- I will listen when others are speaking, as I want to be listened to in the same manner.
- I will not disrupt teaching times, small group times, etc, with pranks, goofing around, or other obscene behavior.

### **I WILL RESPECT PROPERTY.**

- I will respect all property that belongs and does not belong to me. I will not steal, destroy, or hide things that do not belong to me.
- I will not sit on tables, play rough with games, and be rough on furniture in the youth room.
- I will help clean up any trash left in the youth room – especially my own.
- I will not be rough, destroy, or trash up any other space used outside of the youth area. This includes other parts of St. Frances Cabrini and places we are guests.

## **I WILL RESPECT MYSELF.**

- I will refrain from all improper behavior, including using illegal drugs and alcohol. *(Note: All medication will be handled and distributed by an adult leader.)*
- I will refrain from using profanity – this includes racial slurs and derogatory comments.
- I will not bring weapons to any youth group activities
- I will not bring harm to myself, or others.
- I will not leave the supervisory presence of adult leaders without prior permission from them – i.e. leaving mass early, leaving youth meetings, leaving church grounds, leaving the group during trips, etc.
- I will dress modestly during all youth activities. If I do not, I understand that I will be given appropriate clothing to borrow during said activity. ***This includes all students and adults.***
  - No inappropriate words, slogans, symbols, or advertisements on clothing
  - **Males** – when you are in mixed company, keep your shirts on. Please keep your underwear / boxers from being exposed (pull up your pants and shorts).
  - **Females** – no spaghetti strap shirts unless they are part of a layered outfit. Please keep your bra straps underneath clothing. Please wear shorts that fully cover everything underneath them.
  - **Males** – when swimming, you are expected to wear swim trunks
  - **Females** – when swimming, you are expected to wear a one-piece suit or a two-piece suit that covers your stomach

## **I WILL HONOR CHRIST.**

- I will reflect a Catholic attitude in all my personal relationships during all youth activities, as well as in public. Public Displays of Affection (PDA) are **NOT** permitted during any youth activity. This includes but not limited to kissing, forms of cuddling, and any action sexual in nature. *This goes for all students and leaders who are NOT married.*
- I will reflect a Catholic attitude every place I go, knowing that I am a light for Christ.

All students are expected to participate in all planned activities, unless given written permission from Parent/Guardian, and/or verbal permission from the Youth Minister. All students are solely responsible for their actions.

**Failure to comply with this covenant results in one or more of the following actions:**

- Verbal Warning (1<sup>st</sup> Offense unless it is determined by leaders to be severe)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense will result in the student being taken aside to discuss the situation and may result in one or more of the following including a phone call to parent/guardian
- Meeting between student(s), parent(s), and Youth Minister
- Being sent home from said activity at Parent/Guardian expense
- Being dismissed from youth activities – time determined between Youth Minister, Youth Leaders, and Parent/Guardian

By signing this document you agree to abide by the above expectations and understand that failing to abide by said expectations can and will result in consequences as outlined above. Students who choose not to sign this document will not be permitted to attend any off-campus Youth Group activity and will still be subject to the consequences for misbehavior at regular Youth Group activities.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

If there is any question, conflict, or comment about the implementation of this Student Covenant, please contact the Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Carol Opalka, directly at (352) 686-9954 ext. 204. At St. Frances Cabrini, we believe strongly in dealing with conflict in a manner based on Matthew 5:23-25, *Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.*

Thanks for your partnership in making St. Frances Cabrini Youth Ministry safe for all people & a shining example of Jesus Christ to those around us.