

**Due Date: January 19, 2012**

Mail To: Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
795 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203-1250

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: DO NOT fax this form. We must have the signed original.**

## 2012 Diocesan Youth Convention Permission Slip for HOTEL Participants

Youth Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:**

Your son/daughter/legal guardianship is eligible to participate in the Diocesan Youth Convention at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY sponsored by the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Buffalo. This program begins on February 17, 2012 at 4:30 PM and ends on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM and involves two overnight stays. Transportation must be arranged by your family and/or the parish/school group with whom your child is attending (named above). This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of volunteers and employees of the Diocese of Buffalo, its parishes, schools and institutions.

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign and return the following statement of consent and release of liability.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** I have familiarized myself with the Diocesan Youth Convention program. I recognize and acknowledge that there are risks in my child's presence and participation in the Diocesan Youth Convention weekend at the Adam's Mark Hotel on February 17-19, 2012. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, waive and relinquish all claims I may have against the Diocese of Buffalo, its parishes, schools and institutions, including any negligence claims on their part and its officers, agents, employees, representatives or volunteers arising out of the transportation to and / or from the Convention, or in connection with any claims arising out of or caused by any activity my child participates in while at the event. I understand that as a parent or legal guardian, I remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility that may result from actions taken by my child.

**MEDICAL RELEASE:** In signing this form, I hereby certify that the medical information provided below is correct and give permission for the release of medical records to an attending physician in case of emergency illness. My permission is hereby given to the representatives of the parish/school named above and the Diocese of Buffalo to authorize by his/her signature, whatever medical or surgical treatment may be considered necessary or advisable by the physician or nurse in attendance in the event of an accident or medical emergency in which the parent or guardian cannot be reached. It is understood that every attempt to reach the parent or guardian will be made. If the physician listed below cannot respond, I authorize any licensed physician or medical center to treat the participant designated above.

**MEDIA RELEASE:** I give permission for photographs or video of program participants including my child to be used in publications, web sites, brochures, flyers, social networking or other promotional materials produced from time to time by the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the Diocese of Buffalo. I acknowledge that radio stations, television stations, newspapers and web sites occasionally cover Department activities and may request an interview with my child. I give permission to the parish/school, the diocese and all print, radio, television and Internet media outlets to use the images, voices and words of my child without any limitation or restriction, and with no financial compensation, for the purpose of promoting the parish/school, Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Diocese of Buffalo related events. In the case of the *Western New York Catholic* and Daybreak TV Productions, both of the Diocese of Buffalo, I give permission to use the images, voices and words at any time.

**CONVENTION RULES:** I have discussed the Convention rules as stated on the reverse side of this page with my child. We both realize that any serious infraction of the rules will result in immediate dismissal from the Convention. **I will be responsible for providing immediate transportation home.** I understand that the diocesan staff, in conjunction with all other adult chaperones at the Convention, have full authority for enforcing the rules and making decisions for the good of the entire group. I will accept and support your decisions.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY I CAN BE REACHED AT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Relative/Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list medications currently taken:

Please list any allergies to medications or other allergies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent or Guardian**                      **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Youth Participant**                      **Date**

# 2012 Diocesan Youth Convention

## Convention Rules and Regulations

- BEHAVIOR AND DRESS CODE** - All participants are expected to behave and dress in an appropriate manner throughout the weekend. The following dress code must be followed throughout the Convention:
  - No clothing with advertisements for alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes, and no inappropriate slogans or designs.
  - Sweaters, shirts, and dresses must cover the stomach/midriff.
  - Extremely low-rise jeans or slacks (or clothing that is rolled down to reveal areas below the waist) are not appropriate.
  - Skirts, dresses, and shorts/skortcs can be no more than 5 inches above the knee.
  - Dresses or skirts should be appropriate in length and style and should not be revealing.
- CURFEW** - All participants **MUST** be in their own rooms by 12 A.M. Members of the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Staff and adult volunteers will conduct a room check of all rooms at approximately 12:15 A.M.
- BEER, LIQUOR, ILLEGAL DRUGS, ETC.** - These substances are not to be brought to the Convention or used any time during the Convention weekend. Violators will be sent home. Anyone who is in the room at the time of the violation is also subject to dismissal from the Convention.
- CELL PHONES** - Cell phones must be turned OFF during gathered Convention activities, including prayer times, meals, general sessions, breakouts and liturgy. Phone conversations and texting are not allowed during these activities.
- ATTENDANCE** - All participants are expected to attend all Convention events. Attendees will be excused from an event only if written permission is received from a Youth & Young Adult Ministry Staff member.
- SICKNESS AND INJURY** - Any sickness or injury during the weekend should be reported to a member of the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Staff or Convention Security Staff.
- HOTEL RULES** - The customary rules of consideration and kindness when in a hotel are to be observed at all times. We are guests of the hotel and act as guests of a very gracious host.
  - We are not the only ones occupying the hotel; treat other outside guests respectfully at all times.
  - Carefully read all of the directions regarding fire safety, etc. in your room.
  - Be certain that your door is always locked when you leave the room and when retiring for the night.
  - There is no need to bring large amounts of money or valuable jewelry with you. Remember, the hotel assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen articles.
  - Windows must be kept closed and drapes drawn at all times.
  - Stereos and radios have caused excessive noise and will not be allowed. They will be confiscated for the duration of the weekend.
- FIRE SAFETY** - Please be sure that you are familiar with all fire safety rules in the hotel. Make sure you know the location of all emergency exits.
- VISITING ROOMS** - There will be NO visiting in rooms. This means that boys may not visit in girls rooms and girls may not visit in boys rooms. It is also disruptive to other hotel guests to visit at an open door; use the telephone.
- SLEEP** - Please do not unnecessarily disturb the sleep of others. You cannot enjoy the sessions or the experience if you have not had enough sleep the night before. It is suggested that participants bring an alarm clock with them. If you do not bring one, call the hotel operator and request the time you wish to be called in the morning.
- CHECKING OUT** - You must be checked out of your room before 10:00 A.M. on Sunday. Adult chaperones will inspect the rooms of the youth, collect keys and check the group out of the Hotel. This should be done before the Brunch at 10:30 A.M. Luggage may be stored in designated areas of the hotel until after the Closing Mass. Be sure that you know who charged any extras to the room. You are responsible to the hotel for all charges except the actual cost of the room. The phones in the rooms will be programmed to allow only internal phone calls. The Convention will conclude at approximately 3:00 PM on Sunday. Do not arrange for transportation prior to that time.
- CONVENTION SECURITY STAFF** - Members of the Convention Security Staff can be identified by their special Convention Badges. They are helping to ensure that we have a great and safe Convention. These adults must be given the same courtesy and cooperation that you would show to members of the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Staff.
- RULES** - Any serious infraction of the rules may result in a call to your parents and/or your parish priest, and your immediate dismissal from the hotel and from the remainder of the Convention activities. There will be no refunds for anyone dismissed from the Convention. To protect the reputation of the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, we ask you to report any infraction of the Convention rules to a member of the staff immediately.