

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.

<h2>2012 Diocesan Youth Convention</h2> <h1>Permission Slip for NON-HOTEL Participants</h1>

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 on February 17-19, 2012, sponsored by the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Buffalo. Your child has chosen to attend only a portion of this event:

• **List day(s) and times of attendance** _____

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 for NON-HOTEL Participants

- 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.
- 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 for which they are registered. Attendees will be excused from an event only if written permission is received from a Department of 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.
 - 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.
- 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** - Participants who are not staying overnight MAY NOT visit in sleeping rooms in the hotel.
- 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.