

Saint Brigid of Kildare Volunteer Application

Thank you for offering to volunteer with the children and youth of our parish. Volunteers are indispensable to our programs. Because you will be working with our young people, we require some basic information. Please print clearly and bring this form along with a copy of your Protecting God's Children training certificate to a fingerprinting session or appointment.

Our *Safe Environment Program* was designed to protect children while they are in "care, custody or control" of any volunteer on behalf of the Church or School. ALL volunteers must complete three (3) requirements *prior* to the first day of volunteering: 1.) Attend the Diocese required course, *Protecting God's Children* 2.) Submit to a Civilian Criminal Background /fingerprint check at St. Brigid 3.) Complete a Volunteer Application and signed Code of Conduct. You will receive a letter notifying you of your compliance. This will also be reflected in our parish records. Questions may be directed to Stacey Nerone, Safe Environment Program Coordinator at 761-3734 ext. 260 or stnerone@midohio.twcbc.com.

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Areas where you would like to volunteer:

____ School ____ Athletics ____ Religious Education ____ VBS

____ Scouts ____ Sunday Nursery ____ Youth Ministry ____ Parish

____ Other or Volunteer Coaching Position _____

Emergency Contact Person _____

Phone number _____

For office use only:

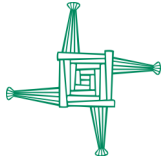
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BCII/FBI _____

Date of Protecting God's Children: _____ Location: _____

Letter of compliance mailed on: _____



Saint Brigid of Kildare Volunteer Code of Conduct

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a volunteer, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Volunteer's Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children and youth at Saint Brigid of Kildare Parish.

As a volunteer, 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.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
- Refuse to accept expensive gifts from children and/or youth or their parents without prior written approval from the pastor or administrator.
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children and/or youth without prior written approval from the parents or guardian and the pastor or administrator.
- Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor. 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 Form and Cell Phone Policy.

As a volunteer, I will not:

- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while volunteering.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time.
- Pose any health risk to children and/or youth (i.e., no fevers or other contagious situations).
- 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 have read and understand the above Code of Conduct. 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 submit to a background check.

Volunteer's Printed Name

Volunteer's Signature

Date