

SCIOTO CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
Holy Redeemer, St. Mary, St. Monica, and St. Peter Parishes

Thank you for offering to work 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 about you. Please fill out the information requested below and return this form to the Youth Minister, Religious Education Coordinator, School Principal or Pastoral Associate.

Applicant's Name _____ Male Female
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Date of Birth _____
Current Employment (position and location) _____
Volunteer position you are interested in at Holy Redeemer, St. Mary, St. Monica and/or St. Peter

REFERENCES

Please provide the name/address of two people we may contact for a reference check.
ALL INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED.
PLEASE DO NOT USE RELATIVES AS REFERENCES.

Reference's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
How long have you known this person? _____

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PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Location	Position	Length of Service

Protecting God's Children Session and Background Check

Volunteers who work with the youth of our parish must submit to a background check and attend a Protecting God's Children session. Information on how to complete these requirements can be found on the Scioto Catholic website at www.sciotocatholic.org.

Have you attended a Protecting God's Children session? yes no

Have you submitted to a background check? yes no

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 Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children/youth of Scioto Catholic (Holy Redeemer, St. Mary, St. Monica, St. Peter).

As a volunteer, I will:

- 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 or inappropriate behavior to the pastor, pastoral associate, or appropriate supervisor. Suspected abuse is to be reported to the local Child Protection Services agency and the Columbus Diocese. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a misdemeanor.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.

As a volunteer, I will not:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time while volunteering.
- 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.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates children and/or youth.
- Use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Volunteers are aware they have considerable personal power because of their ministerial position. Therefore, they will sustain respectful ministerial relationships, avoiding manipulation and other abuses of power. Physical, sexual, or romantic relationships between an adult volunteer and a minor are unethical, unlawful and are prohibited.

I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS COMPLETE AND TRUTHFUL. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT AND COMMIT TO UPHOLD THIS CODE IN MY MINISTRY. 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 TO SUBMIT TO A BACKGROUND CHECK.

Signature _____ Date _____