

CONFIDENTIAL **Safe Ministry Promise**

Voluntary Church Worker **13-17 YEARS** (with Parent/Guardian)

Thank you for applying to volunteer at church.

This Safe Ministry Promise that you are about to complete with the help of your parent/guardian is part of our commitment to Child Safety. By agreeing to abide by the behaviour and practices outlined in the Safe Ministry Promise, you help to make our churches safer places for everyone. By checking each box you acknowledge that you understand and agree to abide by the Safe Ministry Promise as it applies to the children and young people involved in your church and its programs.

If you have any questions about completing this 'promise' please ask your minister or church leadership.

Privacy

The information in this form is confidential. Only the Diocesan Clearance Officer and the Safe Ministry Officer in your parish will be able to access your records. The information will be kept secure in Diocesan confidential files, in accordance with the Privacy Act. Except as may be required by law, or by church disciplinary procedures, the information you supply will be used only for screening and disciplinary purposes. If required by law, the information you supply will be made available to the applicable authority.

Personal details

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| First name(s) | Surname |
| Date of birth (d/m/y) | Phone |
| Address | Email |

Role applied for: _____

☐ **Role approved** **Signature of Parish Priest:** _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

SAFE MINISTRY PROMISE

As part of my commitment to keeping myself and other young people and children safe I promise that:

- ☐ I will respect people's privacy and only take photos or recordings of anyone when I have permission and it is safe to do so. (For example, when photographing or recording children* or young people** on church property or at church activities, you need permission from their parents/guardians and from your church.)
- ☐ I will not connect with children or young people online without church and parental approval. (For example, social media and messaging.)
- ☐ I will always protect the dignity of children and young people and never be involved with harmful or unsafe material. (For example, possessing, producing or distributing any form of child exploitation material.)
- ☐ I will show respect and care for others, keeping my hands to myself unless touch is clearly welcomed, safe and appropriate. (For example, a high five). When I am unsure about what is safe and appropriate, I will speak to my team leader first. If I see something unsafe, I will tell my team leader or another trusted adult.)
- ☐ I will support children and young people by encouraging them positively and asking an adult leader for help if behaviour needs to be managed.
- ☐ I will encourage healthy choices and help create safe drug and alcohol-free spaces for children and young people.
- ☐ I will include everyone fairly and treat all children and young people with the same respect, kindness and encouragement. (For example, not developing special relationships with or showing favouritism to any child or young person. This includes romantic relationships.)

I confirm that:

- ☐ If I have ever been accused, charged, or convicted of a criminal offence, or had allegations made against me in relation to abuse, I have disclosed this to my Parish Priest or delegate approved to receive this form.
- ☐ I understand that any breach of the Safe Ministry Promise may lead to me being suspended or terminated from holding any role in the church.
- ☐ I understand that the Safe Ministry Promises I have made also apply to my relationships with children and young people involved in our church and its programs outside the time that I am acting as a Junior Helper. (That is, that they apply to me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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| Name of Applicant | | |
| Signature of Applicant | | Date |
| Name of Parent/Guardian | | |
| Signature of Parent/Guardian | | Date |

*For the purposes of this document the definition of a child is anyone under the age of 18 years.

** For the purposes of this document the definition of a young person is someone aged 10-18 years.