



PARTICIPANT'S EXPECTATIONS & CODE OF BEHAVIOR

Welcome to the **Catholic Youth Encounter!** We're glad you are coming to this signature event. We believe in your capacity to represent your group well during this day and know that you will display the mature, responsible leadership and character that has become the trademark of Catholic Youth programs in the Archdiocese of Hartford. We believe that adults and youth alike will have a wonderful time, a meaningful experience, and will enhance the day for others! Group coordinators are responsible for the actions of their participants and they take full responsibility for correcting damage or theft done by its members at this event. In the unlikely event that a behavior problem occurs, it is possible that immediate dismissal will result.

- Name Tags (provided by your group leader) and items marking your paid attendance - lanyard or wrist band - must be visible at ALL times. **Nametags help the Archbishop and others address you by name.**
- This event has some outdoor activities. Bring your own rain apparel, bug spray/ sun protection if warranted.
- Dress for the event is casual but modest and appropriate for a Catholic event. Shirts and shoes must be worn at ALL times. No short-shorts, belly shirts, or flip-flops. It may be cool during the day or evening, so be prepared (bring a sweater).
- Please give Hospitality and Safety staff your respect and cooperation. Clean up after yourself and your group. It leaves a good impression on behalf of your group.
- The possession, consumption, or use of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drugs, or tobacco products by any individual (youth or adult) is not allowed during this event.
- Set aside \$5.00 for the offering at Mass. Bring specific items for opening procession.**
- Active cell phones and other electronics are disruptive and do not allow you to be fully attentive and present during this day. This time can never be recaptured so be present and let your presence be felt here. **Please silence all electronics and keep them out of sight.**
- During Mass – and one hour prior to Mass – there is no food consumption. During Mass there are no field activities, games, text messaging, or conversations with your neighbor. This is time with God.

CHAPERONE COVERAGE AND EXPECTATIONS

- Thank you for your willingness to accompany a group of young people to the **Catholic Youth Encounter!** We hope this day will be a positive experience for youth and adults alike. Please review the **Code of Behavior** above with your teens and all adults before you come. Be prepared to model it and enforce it.
- It is very important for a safe and problem-free event that adults set an example for the young people. As an adult chaperone, you are responsible to attend to the needs of the teens entrusted to your care and to monitor/adjust their behavior as necessary and to intervene or report on the behavior and needs of all youth in attendance. This day is for the youth. Please give them your full attention. Thank you!