

Living In Faith Everyday in Every Way
(LIFE 12)
Parent Pledge of Support

One of the greatest strengths of the *LIFE* experience is the commitment and enthusiasm of the Parents. This *Pledge of Support* has been developed to help Parents understand what is expected of them and to help insure that the service-learning experience is healthy and growth-filled for everyone involved.

Everyone who takes part in *LIFE 12*—youth, adult and parent alike—is viewed as a program participant and is expected to abide by the rules laid out in the *Code of Behavior*. The Team Leader, other Adult Trip Leaders and Parents play a crucial role in helping youth to understand the rationale and spirit behind the *Code* and to honor the commitments embodied in it. This *Pledge* assumes that you have carefully read through and are willing to support the policies articulated in the *Code*.

- I will support and encourage my son/daughter in my words, in my actions and through my prayers.
- I understand that the Team Leader and Adult participants maintain primary responsibility for our young people, both at work sites and at the program facility. I support the full, on-time participation of team members in program activities and will actively promote the compliance of my son/daughter with all program rules and regulations.
- I understand that youth participants must be accompanied by an adult member of our team any time they leave the housing or work facilities.
- I understand that respect for others is essential to community life and that this fundamental respect extends to all dimensions of another's being (including sexuality, ethnicity, religious belief, etc.). I will model this respect in my dealings with others and work to create a climate of respect and dignity among the members of our team.
- I understand that harassment, abuse, and discrimination violate the basic principles upon which this program is founded and that such behavior cannot be tolerated from anyone associated with the program—in words, signs or actions.
- I understand that any charge of abuse or harassment must be investigated and understand that it can necessitate immediate dismissal of anyone so charged.
- I understand that our parish will be held responsible for any damage done to the housing or work facilities by our team members.
- I understand that smoking is discouraged for all participants and is allowable for young people only with an authorizing letter from their parent or guardian. If I am a smoker, I will refrain as much as possible from smoking during LIFE 12 activities/events I am involved in.
- I understand that all prescription medication will remain in the hands of the Team Leader and that only the Team Leader, with my approval, may administer prescription or non-prescription medication to youth participants.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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