

St. Elizabeth Church
P.R.E.P.
Parish Religious Education Program

Code of Conduct for St. Elizabeth Church Ministries

- Volunteers collaborate with the Pastor and other supervisors and associates in ministry.
- Volunteers are accountable to the Pastor or other duly appointed representative.
- Volunteers faithfully adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church in word and action.
- Volunteers are competent and receive education and training commensurate with their role(s) and responsibilities.
- Volunteers respect the diversity of spiritualities in the faith community and will not make their own personal form of spirituality normative.
- Volunteers recognize the dignity of each person and do not behave disrespectfully of anyone or any group.
- Volunteers serve all people without regard to gender, creed, national origin, age, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political beliefs.
- Volunteers seek to share with all persons the resources, services, and opportunities they need for spiritual growth.
- Volunteers act to ensure all persons with special needs or disabilities have access to resources they require.
- Volunteers are called to serve the faith community, carrying out their ministry conscientiously, zealously, and diligently.
- Volunteers exercise responsible stewardship of resources while holding themselves to the highest standards of integrity regarding fiscal matters placed in their trust.
- Volunteers respect confidentiality.
- Volunteers are aware of the signs of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse and neglect.
- Volunteers carefully obey civil and ecclesial law, policy and procedure concerning the reporting of neglect, suspected physical abuse or threatened physical harm.
- Volunteers support the rights and roles of parents while ministering to the needs of minors.
- Because of their ministerial positions, volunteers consistently sustain respectful ministerial relationships, avoiding any semblance of manipulation, or abuses of power, and refraining from any physical, romantic, or sexual relationships between an adult and a minor.
- Volunteers are aware of their limitations with respect to paraprofessional counseling and make appropriate referrals.
- Volunteers are aware of and comply with all applicable parish, organizational and/or diocesan policies with special attention to sexual misconduct, safety, transportation, parental permission, and medical emergency policies.
- *Volunteers have been made aware of the policies and guidelines as stated in the Diocesan Catechetical Administrative Handbook which is on file in the offices of the Parish and/or Religious Education Office, including policies and guidelines regarding harassment and the use of materials and technology in the service of their ministry as well as the Diocese of Columbus (St. Elizabeth).*