



REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER PARTICIPATION POLICY

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The Archdiocese of Miami recognizes that registered sex offenders are restricted by Florida law from proximity to minors over whom they do not have parental rights or guardianship. However, registered sex offenders may have children who are served by Archdiocesan ministries, including our Catholic schools; and may attend liturgical services. Therefore, the Archdiocese of Miami has established a policy that allows limited participation within the scope of law. This policy governs all church personnel as defined in the Archdiocese of Miami policy *Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment for Children and Vulnerable Adults* and parents and legal guardians of children served in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese of Miami.

I. REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Registered sex offenders are not eligible to be parish employees or volunteers, according to Archdiocesan policy, *Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment for Children and Vulnerable Adults*. If any Church Personnel becomes aware that someone is a registered sex offender, they should immediately notify the responsible administrator of the Archdiocesan entity.

A. Registered Sex Offenders who are Parents / Guardians of Catholic School and/or Religious Education Students

When the Chancellor, Pastor, Principal, Superintendent of Schools, Director of Catechesis or other person responsible for managing an Archdiocesan school (or religious education program) becomes aware that a parent or guardian of a student is a registered sex offender, the registered sex offender will be required to complete the Registered Sex Offender Agreement for Limited Access. .

B. Registered Sex Offenders Participating in Parish Life

1. The RSO is not eligible to be a parish employee or volunteer, according to our policy, *Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment for Children and Vulnerable Adults*. As a general rule, there will be no restrictions on liturgy attendance of registered sex offenders. However, if necessary, a pastor may impose certain restrictions such as assigned seating or monitoring by an usher.
2. The RSO must seek permission from the pastor for involvement in any parish group and will be limited to groups that do not serve or put her/him in expected contact with children. If the pastor approves such membership, the head of the ministry will be informed of the RSO's status.

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REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER AGREEMENT FOR LIMITED ACCESS

I, _____, am a parent/guardian of _____
_____ who is/are
currently enrolled in _____ (School or Parish Religious
Education Program, hereinafter referred to as "School").

I am currently listed on the Sex Offender Registry of the State of Florida or am otherwise known to be a Sexual Predator or Offender. As such, I agree to the following restrictions:

1. The School is private property and I have no unrestricted right to enter its premises. I agree and understand that I may be allowed the limited privilege of coming onto specific locations on the School premises as limited in this agreement.
2. I am not allowed on School property at any time when minors are present including dropping off or picking up my children from school, religious education sessions, youth ministry events or other ministerial events serving minors or families with children. I agree to make other transportation arrangements for my children, including transportation to and from these events or related activities.
3. Generally, I may be permitted to attend parent-teacher conferences or other adult-only meetings for parents on the School premises when there are no classes in session or minors present. I further agree that anytime I am allowed onto the School premises, I will only go where other adults are already present and I will not go into student bathrooms in the School. I will not apply, take or hold any position related to the School or parish, as a volunteer or otherwise.
4. I will not attend any parish or school related event off of school grounds where minors are or may be present (including but not limited to sporting events and field trips).
5. I understand that violating this policy may result in dismissal of my children from School. I further understand that the School has complete discretion in restricting my presence on the School grounds or School-related activities and that this agreement may be modified by the School at any time with or without notice.

Individual's Signature

Date

Administrator's Signature

Date

Signed copies: Individual; Fingerprinting Results File

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