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■ POLICY

□ GUIDELINE

YOUTH PROTECTION

YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS AT PRIVATE RESIDENCES

Many well-intentioned employees and volunteers have a desire to open their homes to young people. Even with the best of intentions, this would put young people at risk by making it acceptable in the mind of a young person to enter the residence of an adult. This could later be exploited by another adult whose intentions are not altruistic.

It is the policy of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus that no parish or school sponsored youth ministry gatherings, events, or activities take place at private residences.

This policy is designed to protect both young people and adult youth ministry leaders. It ensures accessibility and transparency of our youth ministry programs and helps establish a safe environment for everyone involved.