

VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM Meetings with Minors Parental Information & Consent Form

In an effort to continuously serve our youth in parish programs during times when in-person contact is restricted or prohibited, the Diocese of Lexington can use a third-party Virtual Technology Platform (VTP) such as ZOOM, GoToMeeting, Skype, etc., which students, parents/guardians and diocesan parish staffs can access via the Internet and use for purposes of communication and programing.

This form seeks consent for your minor child to utilize the VTP for distance-based, virtual programing from your parish. It is our commitment to keep the youth we serve safe. Two parish and/or diocesan staff members will be present during all VTP sessions. All contact information such as email and phone numbers will be kept private from the youth. *Please be aware that third party application collect different information about their users and have their own privacy terms and conditions to which users must adhere.*

Example: <https://zoom.us/terms>

All online activities must comply with the existing Diocesan policies: Code of Conduct, Safe Environment Policy, Employee Policy and Volunteer Policy.

Teachers and Facilitators are required to: keep a log of attendees; duration time of the meeting; and a brief description of the topic/activity covered in the session. Meeting and progress information will be shared directly with parents. No individual contact will be made with a minor by a teacher/facilitator outside of a group meeting.

PARENTAL CONSENT:

_____ I give permission for my child(ren) to interact with the teacher/facilitator and fellow classmates using the VTP platform and to communicate using a microphone and camera.

_____ I understand that meetings will be by invitation only from my child's teacher/facilitator. Attendance will be monitored by the CCD teacher/facilitator and the local parish CCD Director/Facilitator.

_____ I understand that a VTP meeting will only take place during regular parish program hours.

_____ I understand that as a parent or guardian, I am responsible for supervising the suitability of my child(ren)'s online access, communication and the "home" setting where virtual communication is taking place apart from the parish. (ex. inappropriate clothing, background noise or visuals, unauthorized attendees without parental consent, etc.)

_____ I give permission for my child(ren) to experience and access learning resources, as deemed suitable and appropriate by the teacher/facilitator in the normal classroom environment.

Signed by: _____

Relationship to Child(ren): _____ Date: _____