



SAFE ONLINE MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

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PERMISSIONS

The Diocesan social media waver now covers the use of online video chats such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, FaceTime etc. , for those under the age of 18. -Please ensure you use the revised waver.

If you are going to host a call with young people, you need to have written consent or the revised social media waver signed from their parents/guardians for their participation.

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BE CLEAR ABOUT THE GATHERING

Like any youth ministry gathering be sure you are clear about the intention of the gathering, along with start and end times.

Regardless of the age of the participants, if you are recording the Zoom call it needs to be clear about the purpose and intention of the recording. All this needs to be expressed prior to recording.

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HAVE A SUPPORT TEAM

Like any other youth gathering you need to have 2 parish screened volunteers on the call.

If you are breaking out into discussion rooms ensure that you have a screened volunteer in each grouping to facilitate.

Encourage the volunteers on your team to take on roles during the call!

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ONLINE ETIQUETTE

Set etiquette guidelines for your participants while they are gathering together.

Don't video chat alone! Always have a second volunteer and you need to have a group of young people on the call, never just one young person and your self.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ONLINE ETIQUETTE

- Be respectful of all participants on the call
- Be on time
- Dress appropriately
- Ask those in your environment not to interject in the programming
- Mute your microphone when you are not speaking
- Outline how individuals can participate using the features of the platform



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