Chaperone Agreement / Responsibilities

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Adult participants will: promise to strictly follow these policies and the following standards as a condition of my providing services as an adult chaperone. I will conduct myself in a manner that exhibits the highest Christian ethical standards and avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Adult participants will:

- Attend a mandatory Chaperone meeting in preparation for this pilgrimage
- Report suspected abuse of any minor to the appropriate authorities
- Complete VIRTUS training in youth protection (applies to anyone 18 years or older)
- Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration
- Use positive reinforcement and communication rather than criticism, unhealthy competition, or comparison
- Be aware of and adhere to emergency plans and evacuation routes
- Uphold the authority of those responsible for the March for Life by participating and assisting them in every way to encourage learning and to provide a safe pilgrimage
- Avoid situations where I am alone with minors, always following the two-adult rule. Avoid any form of excessive familiarity, inappropriate language, or any situation and conduct that exploits or could give the appearance of exploiting another
- Respect bus captain and bus driver and be a support to them

Adult participant will not:

- Allow youth male/female seat partners on the bus between the hours of sunset to sunrise
- Use physical affection to initiate inappropriate contact with minors
- Use, purchase, posses, distribute, or be under the influence of tobacco or tobacco less products, alcohol, illegal drugs, or pornography while supervising minors or while participating in the March for Life Pilgrimage
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, demean, nor degrade minors or others nor tolerate such behavior in the environment for which I am responsible
- Use physical discipline in any way for behavior management of minors. No form of physical discipline is acceptable. This includes but is not limited to spanking, slapping, pinching, shaking, hitting or any other physical force as retaliation or correction for inappropriate behavior of a minor
- Use vulgar language or profanity in any form in the presence of minors

I will chaperone the minors assigned to me; I will know their whereabouts at all times. I will ensure that minors under my supervision are accounted for before any bus departure so that roll call can be smooth and quick. I will enforce adherence to the rules while on the bus ride, in particular, I will work with other chaperones to ensure that minors on the bus respect quiet times between 11pm and 6am.

I will check hotel rooms at curfew to make certain all assigned youth are in designated rooms.

I hereby represent that I am not currently being investigated for, nor have I ever been convicted of any criminal acts; I have never been terminated from employment or a volunteer position for reasons related to allegations of physical or sexual abuse by me; nor have I sought or received any medical, physical, or psychological treatment for reasons involving physical or sexual abuse by me.

I understand that my failure to agree to and abide by the Adult Chaperone Responsibilities will bar me from participation in the March for Life Pilgrimage event. I also understand that should I violate any of these responsibilities while on the Pilgrimage I will be sent home at my own expense.

Participant Name _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____