

# 2008 Diocesan Youth Convention

## Convention Rules and Regulations

1. **CURFEW** - All participants **MUST** be in their own rooms by 12:30 A.M. Members of the Youth Department Staff and adult volunteers will conduct a room check of all rooms at approximately 12:45 A.M.
2. **BEER, LIQUOR, ILLEGAL DRUGS, ETC.** - These substances are not to be brought to the Convention or used any time during the Convention weekend. Violators will be sent home. Anyone who is in the room at the time of the violation is also subject to dismissal from the Convention.
3. **ATTENDANCE** - All participants are expected to attend all Convention events. Attendees will be excused from an event only if written permission is received from a Youth Department Staff member.
4. **HOTEL RULES** - The customary rules of consideration and kindness when in a hotel are to be observed at all times. We are guests of the hotel and act as guests of a very gracious host.
  - We are not the only ones occupying the hotel; treat other outside guests respectfully at all times.
  - Carefully read all of the directions regarding fire safety, etc. in your room.
  - Be certain that your door is always locked when you leave the room and when retiring for the night.
  - There is no need to bring large amounts of money or valuable jewelry with you. Remember, the hotel assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen articles.
  - Windows must be kept closed and drapes drawn at all times.
  - Stereos and radios have caused excessive noise and will not be allowed. They will be confiscated for the duration of the weekend.
5. **BEHAVIOR AND DRESS CODE** - All participants are expected to behave and dress in an appropriate manner throughout the weekend. The following dress code must be followed throughout the Convention:
  - No clothing with advertisements for alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes, and no inappropriate slogans or designs.
  - Sweaters, shirts, and dresses must cover the stomach/midriff.
  - Extremely low-rise jeans or slacks (or clothing that is rolled down to reveal areas below the waist) are not appropriate.
  - Skirts, dresses, and shorts/skortis can be no more than 5 inches above the knee.
  - Dresses should be appropriate in length and style and should not be revealing.
  - Shirts and ties must remain on the young men during the entire Cotillion. No hats are allowed.
  - No jeans are allowed at the Cotillion.
6. **VISITING ROOMS** - There will be **NO** visiting in rooms. This means that boys may not visit in girls rooms and girls may not visit in boys rooms. It is also disruptive to other hotel guests to visit at an open door; use the telephone.
7. **SLEEP** - Please do not unnecessarily disturb the sleep of others. You cannot enjoy the workshops or the Brunch and Closing Mass if you have not had enough sleep the night before. It is suggested that participants bring an alarm clock with them. If you do not bring one, call the hotel operator and request the time you wish to be called in the morning.
8. **CHECKING OUT** - You must be checked out of your room before 10:30 A.M. on Sunday. Adult advisors will inspect the rooms of the youth, collect keys and check the group out of the Hotel. This should be done before the Brunch at 11:00 A.M. Luggage may be stored in the Erie Ballroom of the hotel until after the Closing Mass. Be sure that you know who charged any extras to the room. You are responsible to the hotel for all charges except the actual cost of the room. Because telephone calls made from your room to outside the hotel are very costly, the phones in the rooms will be programmed to allow only internal phone calls. It is best to use the telephones in the lobby for making outside calls. Permission to place outside calls from a room may be granted only to adults by the Diocesan Youth Director. The Convention will conclude at approximately 3:45 PM on Sunday. Do not arrange for transportation prior to that time.
9. **CONVENTION SECURITY STAFF** - Members of the Convention Security Staff can be identified by their special Convention Badges. They are helping to ensure that we have a great and safe Convention. These adults must be given the same courtesy and cooperation that you would show to members of the Youth Department Staff.
10. **SICKNESS AND INJURY** - Any sickness or injury during the weekend should be reported to a member of the Youth Department Staff or Convention Security Staff.
11. **RULES** - Any serious infraction of the rules may result in a call to your parents and/or your parish priest, and your immediate dismissal from the hotel and from the remainder of the Convention activities. There will be no refunds for anyone dismissed from the Convention. To protect the reputation of the Youth Department, we ask you to report any infraction of the Convention rules to a member of the Youth Department staff immediately.
12. **FIRE SAFETY** - Please be sure that you are familiar with all fire safety rules in the hotel. Make sure you know the

