

# St. Mary's

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## God Squad Code of Conduct

Guidelines are needed to promote a fun, safe, learning experience for our youth at St. Mary's. At the core of the guidelines is *respect* – respect for each other, respect for leaders, respect of property, and ultimately respect for God. As a participant in the God Squad, I understand and agree to the following:

- I will respect myself, other people especially the staff and adult leaders, other people's property, and the church property.
- I will be an encourager, not one who ridicules, makes fun of, or criticizes.
- I will deal peacefully with anger and disagreements. I will not bully or use physical intimidation.
- I will participate and contribute in a positive way in all group activities and obey the instructions of the mentors and group leaders.
- I will use language that reflects a Catholic attitude. I will not use offensive words or other foul language.
- I will respect others by keeping my hands to myself: no tickling, wrestling, piggyback rides or inappropriate touching (which means: do not touch anyone anywhere that a bathing suit would cover. No boys in girls' sleeping areas and no girls in boys' sleeping areas.)
- I will wear modest clothing that is not sexually suggestive or spiritually degrading.
- I will not use cell phones, cameras or other personal electronic or entertainment devices during activities without first asking permission from the adult mentors.
- I will stay with the group at all times. E.g. If we are having a meeting in Suddes Hall or Maryann Room, I will not leave these areas without asking for permission. If we are on a trip, I will stay with the group that I am assigned to.
- I will not leave any activity, service, or trip before its published ending time without approval from a parent or guardian "in person" or by phone.
- I understand that teen drivers are not allowed to carry other teen passengers to a youth group meeting, activity, or trip without prior written consent from a parent or guardian. Sibling passengers are at the discretion of the parents and do not require written consent.
- I will not use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other illegal drugs at any youth activity.
- I will not engage in sexual intimacy or sexual harassment, and will not possess pornography at any youth ministry activities.

I understand that is a privilege to participate and I agree to abide by these guidelines.

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(Youth Print Name)

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(Youth Signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent/Guardian Print Name)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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