

Statement of Understanding and Release of Liability in Regard to Covid-19

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. In order to resume regular Faith Formation and Youth Ministry operations, the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Sacred Heart Catholic Church (“Parish”) have put in place reasonable preventative measures and standards of behavior to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at parish activities. Even with implementation of safety protocols, the Parish cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19; attendance at Parish and/or participation in the Parish activities could increase your risk and/or your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: The (*Diocese of St. Petersburg/Sacred Heart Catholic Church*) cannot prevent you or your child/children from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while attending parish programs and related activities. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose for your children to attend Sacred Heart Catholic Church programs, your child and/or other family members may be exposed to and/or at increased risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. I/we have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I/we hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself/ourselves, my/our child/children, and/or other family members in order for my/our child/children,

(Name of Minor Child)

to attend parish programs and related activities. By signing this agreement, I/we acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and that my/our child(ren) and I/we may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending and/or being present at parish programs, and/or by participating in parish activities, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against (*Diocese of St. Petersburg/Sacred Heart Catholic Church*) and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, authorized volunteers, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to the Program. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of Florida will apply to this contract.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above. I have the legal right to consent to and, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the terms and conditions of this Release.

(Parent/Guardian Name – Printed)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)