

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Code of Conduct for Young People (16 and 17 year olds)

Young people from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle attending the Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 2016 are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favourably on themselves, their families, parishes and schools. Young people are expected to project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity and respect for each other during the Pilgrimage. They are also expected to show respect to adult leaders, other participants and everyone with whom they come into contact. They are to co-operate in creating a healthy and appropriate atmosphere. With this in mind, we offer the following guidelines:

Participants are expected:

1. Not to possess or use illegal substances, or carry weapons of any kind.
2. To follow all schedules, rules, guidelines and emergency procedure plans of the programme and facility. This includes things such as curfew, which will be at 12.30am.
3. To report any emergencies, concerns and safety issues immediately to a group leader.
4. To socialise prior to curfew in public areas. No visiting is permitted in sleeping rooms occupied by members of the opposite sex.
5. To obey directives from group leaders.
6. To dress modestly and appropriately, respecting the local culture, traditions and environment.
7. Not to put down or make fun of another person.
8. To refrain from using swear words and language that others may find offensive.
9. To be on time and to participate in all planned activities and duties.
10. When travelling, to follow safe travel procedures as directed.
11. To work towards making the event a good and safe time for everyone.
12. Not to keep alcohol in hotel room, not to possess or purchase alcohol in a public place (breach of the above could result in the involvement of police and a substantial fine, see below for exception)*.
13. I do smoke I do not smoke
If you smoke, you agree to do so with consideration to your fellow pilgrims, to smoke in designated areas and to uphold 'no smoking' rules when required.

I have read and understand the above code of conduct and commit to uphold this code during the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 2016.

Name

Date

Signature (Pilgrim)

Signature (Parent/Carer)

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- **Parents/Carers:** Please note that during the Pilgrimage we will be having social evenings. At these evenings alcoholic drinks will be available to the group in a private setting under supervision. **The consumption of alcohol will limited to no more than 2 glasses of wine/beer and controlled by the group leader.**

Please tick here if you prefer your child **not** to consume any alcohol.
