

# YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

## MEDIA RELEASE, SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY, MEDICAL INFORMATION

*Please complete the entire form and submit a copy to [youthministry@stpatrick.on.ca](mailto:youthministry@stpatrick.on.ca) or drop off at the parish.*

### MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby grant permission for my child to be photographed and/or videotaped during youth ministry (EDGE and/or Lifeteen) activities and events. I further grant permission for the resulting photographs and/or videotaped footage to be edited, if necessary, and then used on our youth ministry database software, social media, and/or used for the purpose of promoting youth programs at St. Patrick's Church.

**PLEASE CIRCLE:**                    **YES**                    **NO**

### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Youth Ministry uses today's technology to reach out to the youth of the parish, including a Website and Facebook, Instagram pages and a YouTube site. All postings on any youth ministry sponsored site or page are subject to the discretion of the coordinator of Youth Ministry and the pastor.

All communications with any youth through social media programs by anyone representing the parish are considered public information and will be made available to any parent upon request. Any participant or volunteer is to remember that they are representing the parish when posting about St. Patrick's Youth Ministry related events, and therefore must be appropriate. Any form of cyber-bullying or harassment of any kind will NOT be tolerated and will be addressed immediately. Youth ministry will not tolerate posting obscene, harassing, offensive, derogatory, or defamatory comments, links and/or images. In the unlikely event that such circumstance should happen, St. Patrick's Youth Ministry will immediately:

1. Talk with the youth who made the posting.
2. Ask youth to remove posting immediately.
3. Parent will be informed of posting.
4. Youth will meet with the parish priest to have a one-on-one dialogue to explore the merits of our Christian values.
5. If it is determined that a person's safety is at risk, the appropriate authorities will be immediately notified (Eg. Police, Children's Aid, etc.)

A further offense will result in youth being removed from participating in social media sites and, given circumstances, may be requested to withdraw from youth ministry.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's Name), along with my child \_\_\_\_\_ (Child's Name) have read and agree to abide by the Social Media Policy set forth by the Youth Ministry of St. Patrick's Parish.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Does your child have any special needs due to a learning disability, physical disability, reading difficulty, hearing impairment or emotional concerns? If so, please describe.

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We will attempt to be as accessible as possible. If you experience any challenges or concerns, please let us know.

Please list any known allergies, health problems, or current medications:

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I/We understand that reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of the participant and that the designated emergency contact person will be notified as soon as possible in case of emergency. In the event of any sickness or accident person(s) will not hold St. Patrick's Church, the Archdiocese of Toronto, any volunteer, chaperone, or driver responsible. I/We authorize and consent that emergency treatment be rendered under the general or specific supervision and on the advice of any physician, dentist, or surgeon; licensed to practice in the Province of Ontario or any other Province. The undersigned understand(s) and agrees that any medical, dental, or hospital expense incurred shall be at their own risk. The undersigned understand(s) every effort will be made to notify the emergency contact in the event that treatment is necessary.

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**By signing, I/we acknowledge that the information on the registration form is accurate.**

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_