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VERIFICATION STATEMENT Diocese of Rockford

Print Name of Volunteer

Parish: St. Peter

City: Geneva

(Check the applicable volunteer forms for your ministry work, which you have already signed.)

- _____ 1. The VOLUNTEER verifies that the information previously supplied on the Illinois State Police "Conviction Information Request" form is accurate and current and that there has been no change in the information so provided.
- _____ 2. The VOLUNTEER verifies that the information previously supplied on the "Acknowledgement of Volunteer Reporter Status" form for reporting Child Abuse and Neglect is accurate and current and that there has been no change in the information so provided.
- _____ 3. The VOLUNTEER verifies that the information previously supplied on the "Sexual Misconduct Norms" Receipt form is accurate and current and there has been no change in the information so provided.
- _____ 4. The VOLUNTEER verifies that he/she has attended, by April 2006, the training on "Protecting God's Children".
- _____ 5. The VOLUNTEER verifies that he/she continues to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth in the "Code of Pastoral Conduct" Volunteer Acknowledgement Form.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a volunteer, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Volunteer's Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children and youth of our Diocese, and/or Diocesan parishes, schools, or other institutions.

As a volunteer, I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with children and/or youth at Church activities.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
- Refuse to accept expensive gifts from children and/or youth or their parents without prior written approval from the pastor or administrator.
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children and/or youth without prior written approval from the parents or guardian and the pastor or administrator.
- Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor and the local Child Protection Services Agency. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a misdemeanor.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.

As a volunteer, I will not:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while volunteering.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time.
- Pose any health risk to children and/or youth (i.e., no fevers or other contagious situations).
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap children and/or youth.
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade children and/or youth.
- Touch a child and/or youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates children and/or youth.
- Use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth.

I understand that as a volunteer working with children and/or youth, I am subject to a

through background check including criminal history. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct or the laws of the State may result in my removal as a volunteer with children and/or youth.

Volunteer's Printed Name

Volunteer's Signature

Date