

Sisters of Life



Code of Conduct

For Working with Women and Children

1. Sisters and anyone serving with the Sisters of Life will uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church.
2. Do not engage in any discussion that has sexual innuendo, sexual comments or jokes, or the display of sexual material, even if initiated by the minor. The adult is always responsible for maintaining appropriate boundaries in any relationship with a minor.
3. Do not provide any sexually explicit, inappropriate, or offensive material to minors.
4. Do not share personal space, such as sleeping quarters, alone with minors.
5. Physical contact with a minor shall at all times be public, appropriate and non-sexual.
6. Do not engage in physical discipline of a minor.
7. When working with minors, be in the proximity of another adult.
8. Do not take a child to the bathroom. Find the child's parent so he or she can assist the child.
9. Typically, one would not change a child's diaper. In an exceptional circumstance, one may change the diaper if the parent has given express permission and is in the same room. If, in a rare instance, the child's parent is not in the same room, ensure that the door is wide open.
10. If baby-sitting a child at a Sister of Life center or event, be in view of other people, or with the door wide open.
11. Do not give personal gifts or food to minors without the permission of the parents.
12. Do not supply alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants to minors or any person we are serving.
13. Typically, one would not administer medication to a minor. In an exceptional circumstance, one may administer the medication if the parent has given express permission to do so.
14. In the event of discussions with minors that address human sexuality, use discretion and prudence, and respond in love and mercy, adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
15. Physical contact with adult men or women must be at all times appropriate and non-sexual.
16. Dress shall always be modest at any Sisters of Life function, program, or within the convent and apostolic center.

17. Report to the Local Superior or Mission Coordinator the following: (i) any initiation of sexual talk or behavior by minors directed toward the Sister or another adult; (ii) any signs that a child may have experienced or is experiencing sexual or other forms of abuse; or (iii) an encounter with a minor that seemed uncomfortable/off or could be misunderstood or misconstrued by the minor.

18. Report to the Local Superior or Mission Coordinator any behavior by an adult in contravention of these rules.

I received a copy of the Sisters of Life Code of Conduct. I have read the code, understand its meaning, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with its terms.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____