



2012 Steubenville On The Bayou Youth Conference

Mercy Crew Code of Conduct

June 15th- June 17th 2012
Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center

**Please read this form completely before signing.
Your pastor must also read and sign this form.**

The Youth Conference is a wonderful opportunity to bring youth into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. It is the policy of the Steubenville on the Bayou Youth Conference to provide an environment free of harassment, of any kind, to the participants, staff, and volunteers present at the conference. As a member of Mercy Crew, I promise to follow the rules and guidelines of this **Mercy Crew Code of Conduct** as a condition of my providing services to the youth, adult leaders, and other volunteers at this conference. Your role as a member of MERCY CREW is vital to the Conference. By agreeing to serve on Mercy Crew during the Conference weekend, you agree to fulfill the obligations, which pertain to your specific area of responsibility to which you are assigned. This obligation takes priority over attending the conference itself. Your signature below will bear witness to your pledge to fulfill those obligations.

As a member of MERCY CREW I will:

- **Remember that my obligation takes priority over attending the conference itself.**
- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity and consideration.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with youth.
- **Adhere to all guidelines as outlined in the Conference Policies for MERCY CREW of Steubenville on the Bayou with regards to proper dress and behavior.**
- **Report suspected harassment or abuse, of any kind, to the conference leadership, or Central Office personnel or to a member of the clergy. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse or harassment could endanger the youth.**

As a member of MERCY CREW I will not:

- Touch in a sexual, or other inappropriate manner, any participants, employees, or volunteers of the conference.
- Use profanity in the presence of participants.
- Ridicule, threaten, degrade, or use any discipline that frightens or humiliates participants of the conference.
- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of any 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 while volunteering.
- Pose any health risk to participants, employees, or volunteers of the conference (i.e. no fevers or contagious illness)

I, _____, agree to follow the guidelines as stated above.
(Print Mercy Crew Member's Full Name)

Mercy Crew Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pastor's Recommendation:

I, _____, as the Pastor of _____
(Print Pastor's Full Name) *(Print Mercy Crew Member's Full Name)*

declare that this Mercy Crew member is in compliance with the Safe Environment Policy of our Diocese, which includes a cleared criminal background check and safe environment training, according to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and is suitable to serve at the 2012 Steubenville on the Bayou Catholic Youth Conference.

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Church Parish: _____

Diocese: _____