

Christian Formation Commission

POLICY REGARDING END OF EVENT SUPERVISION

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The Christian Formation Commission (CFC) designs diocesan youth events, retreats and activities to:

- Respect the parents and youth by beginning and ending on time.
- Assure that all chaperones are properly trained in Safeguarding God's Children.
- Provide a safe and fun environment for spiritual growth and learning/formation.

An important part of engaging in a Christian community is learning to set proper boundaries for ourselves and others. With that in mind, the CFC feels that part of our responsibility is to help people set appropriate boundaries of love and respect for time and space. This includes but is not limited to:

- Setting guidelines of respect for all spaces and locations, especially those places that have offered free space for retreats and other events.
- Setting standards of time for both drop-off and pick-up of participants at youth events, activities and retreats.

In order to live into these values of respect, the CFC will expect that upon completion of an event, parents, guardians or other designated responsible adults will pick up their children within a reasonable time. A reasonable time is defined as the time at which the event ends as indicated on the preparation letter or meeting notice with a grace period of no more than thirty (30) minutes beyond said time. The consequences of neglecting to do this will result in a \$25 per hour babysitting fee per child starting at the time at which the event, activity or retreat was to end.

If the delay in picking up the child(ren) is in excess of two (2) hours, the youth(s) will not be able to participate in diocesan youth events for the remainder of the program year.

Any potential delay needs to be communicated immediately to the Missioner of Youth and Young Adults at the number proved in the event confirmation letter.