

# **Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania**

## **Waiver of Liability Form**

I/We understand that by signing this document I/we do hereby forever waive any and all claims of any type and of any nature (including claims for any negligent acts) against Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and release Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania from any and all claims of any type or nature (including claims for any negligent acts) arising from my voluntary agreement to participate as a volunteer on a mission trip and/or event sponsored by the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania. I/We understand that by signing this document I/we assume full and complete responsibility for any accidents, injuries, illnesses or other conditions which may occur en route, during, or as a consequence of my voluntary participation in mission work and/or event through Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

I/We further understand that under no circumstances shall I/we be considered an employee, agent, officer or director of Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania for purposes of this mission trip and/or event. No representations of any type or nature have been made to me/us by Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, its officers, directors, agents, or employees concerning my/our personal safety, health conditions or any other aspects of this mission trip and/or event. I/We fully understand that my/our participation in this mission trip and/or event may result in illness, accident or injury occurring as a result of my/our participation. I/We have been afforded every opportunity to conduct my/our own complete and thorough investigation of the conditions surrounding this mission trip and/or event and do willingly participate in this mission trip and/or event of my/our own free will and choice.

I/We am specifically aware certain hazards and risks to my/our person and property may be associated with serving in a mission capacity and/or participating in this event. I/We understand such hazards and risk may include, but are not limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, war, terrorist acts or weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, criminal activity, random acts of violence or negligence. I/We am fully aware of these risks and voluntarily assume them and hereby release in full any and all claims of any type or any nature against Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, its officers, directors, agents and employees.

I/We hereby represent I/we am/are aware of no medical conditions of any type or nature that would prevent me/us from participating in this mission trip and/or event and I/we have been afforded the opportunity, at my/our sole expense, to be examined by any physician of my/our selection for purposes of verifying my/our physical condition. I/We have also been advised that I/we have the right to have an attorney of my/our selection, at my/our sole expense, review this waiver and release prior to signing this document and have either done so to my/our own satisfaction as evidenced by my/our signature hereon, or by signing this document have waived my/our right to have this matter reviewed by an attorney of my/our selection and at my/our expense.

I/We expressly waive any defense to the enforcement of any provision of this contractual agreement arising from any claim of lack of consideration and understand this document constitutes a legal, valid and binding waiver of my/our rights and shall be enforceable against me, my family or my estate for any and all purposes whatsoever.

I/We understand I/we am not being covered under any policy or policies of insurance issued to Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania or its agents, officers, directors and employees which would provide me/us any type of coverage for my/our participation in this mission trip and/or event other than that coverage which may have been expressly provided to me/us in writing.

I/We hereby affirm and attest that no oral representations, promises or statements have been made in any respect effecting my/our participation in this mission trip and/or event or any of the terms or conditions of this waiver and release other than as expressly written herein.

I/We also understand for all purposes this agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

I/We hereby further state I/we have carefully read all of the terms and conditions set forth in this waiver and release of all claims, that I/we fully and completely understand all information set forth herein and I/we voluntarily sign this waiver and release as my/our own free act understanding fully this is a legally binding document.

*Agreement of Parent is required for those participating who are under the age of 18. Additionally, please attach a copy of the birth certificate of the minor.*

**Trip/Event Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian (if needed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission to Use Photographs**

I understand that from time to time, Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania would like to use photographs and videos from church events, activities, and mission trips for use on their web page and other promotional materials. I grant permission to Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania to use photographic and video graphic images of me and my family members for the web page, videos, and other promotional material. I grant this permission for an indefinite period of time.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature, if under 18** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_