

# ***Just5Days***

## **Adult Pledge of Support**

One of the greatest strengths of the *Just5Days* experience is the commitment and enthusiasm of the adult team participants. This *Pledge of Support* has been developed to help adults understand what is expected of them during the week and to help ensure that *Just5Days* is a positive experience for everyone involved.

Everyone who takes part in *Just5Days* – youth and adults alike – is viewed as a program participant and is expected to abide by the rules laid out in the *Code of Behavior*. Team Leaders and adult participants play a crucial role in helping youth to understand the rationale and spirit behind the *Code* and to honor the commitments embodied in it. This *Pledge* assumes that you have carefully read through and are willing to support the policies articulated in the *Code*.

- I understand and am in compliance with my local (arch)diocesan safe environment policies.
- I understand that the Team Leader and adult participants maintain primary responsibility for their young people, both at work sites and at the program facility. I support the full, on-time participation of team members in program activities and will actively promote the compliance of team members with all program rules and regulations.
- I understand that youth participants must be accompanied by an adult member of their team any time they travel beyond the program facility.
- I understand that respect for others is essential to community life and that this fundamental respect extends to all dimensions of another's being (including sexuality, ethnicity, religious belief, etc.). I will model this respect in my dealings with others and work to create a climate of respect and dignity among the members of my team.
- I understand that harassment, abuse, and discrimination violate the basic principles upon which this program is founded and that such behavior cannot be tolerated from anyone associated with the program – in words, signs, or actions.
- I understand that any charge of abuse or harassment must be investigated and understand that it can necessitate immediate dismissal of anyone so charged.
- I understand that our parish or school will be held responsible for any damage done to the housing or work facilities by our team members.
- I understand that smoking is discouraged for all participants and is not allowable for that young people during the program. I will not purchase tobacco or tobacco products for others. If I am a smoker, I will refrain as much as possible from smoking during the program and do it out of sight of the young people.
- I understand that all prescription medication will remain in the hands of the Team Leader and that only the Team Leader, with parent's approval, may administer prescription or non-prescription medication to youth participants.
- For the health and safety of all involved, I voluntarily will abstain from the use of alcohol for the duration of the program.
- I agree to obtain the consent of both the Parish Team Leader and the Program Director before doing anything that contradicts the rules and regulations of the *Just5Days* program – either as stated above or as directed by the Program Director.

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

**Parish Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_