



Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19 (Volunteers)

The novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

_____ (NAME OF PARISH/MINISTRY) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Furthermore, by attending and/or assisting with meetings, events, activities, programs, functions, or gatherings of any kind sponsored by _____ (NAME OF PARISH/MINISTRY), you could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I, _____ (FULL NAME), acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 by attending and/or assisting with meetings, events, activities, programs, functions, or gatherings, and that such exposure to COVID-19 may result in infection, illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected with COVID-19 may result from the actions, inactions, omissions, or negligence of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to, clergy, teachers, employees, staff, coaches, volunteers, and participants and/or their families.

I hereby voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any infection, illness, sickness, damage, loss, expense, and/or liability of any kind (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death) (hereinafter referred to as "Claims"), that I may experience or incur in connection with attending and/or assisting at meetings, events, activities, programs, functions, or gatherings of any kind sponsored by _____ (NAME OF PARISH/MINISTRY).

I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless _____ (NAME OF PARISH/MINISTRY), William A. Wack, as Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, and all of its current, former, and future representatives, agents, clergy, teachers, employees, staff, coaches, and volunteers (collectively, "the Diocese") of and from all Claims, including all liabilities, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this assumption of risk, waiver, and release includes any Claims based on the actions, inactions, omissions, or negligence of the Diocese, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after attending and/or assisting in any meetings, events, activities, programs, functions, or gatherings of any kind sponsored by _____ (NAME OF PARISH/MINISTRY).

Signature (Date) (Witness) (Date)

Print Name (Witness) (Date)