



# Romero Center Ministries

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## FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

### URBAN CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

(Completion of this contract is required for each participant.)

Your son or daughter is eligible to participate in activities at and through Romero Center Ministries, a mission of St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral Catholic Church in Camden, NJ, which includes staying at Romero Center Ministries overnight for one or more nights. Participants are attending as part of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Participating Group"), which must provide adult chaperones who will be primarily responsible for transportation and supervision of the participants.

Overnight Accommodations: Romero Center Dormitory: 2907 Federal St., Camden, NJ 08105

Start Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities may include: Service in soup kitchens, nursing homes, daycare facilities, homeless shelters, surveying neighborhoods, and on construction sites; a tour of the various neighborhoods of the city of Camden; educational activities in the community; other program related activities.

#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Participating Group: College/University\_\_\_\_ High School\_\_\_\_ Parish\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_



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## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I am fully aware that the experience at Romero Center Ministries will require me to make personal sacrifices to which I may not be accustomed. I agree to live this experience in simplicity, doing without some of the conveniences to which I am accustomed. I will work and complete tasks to the best of my ability.

I realize that living and working together in community will require me to display patience and respect toward all members of the group. I realize the importance of following a schedule and the guidance and instruction of the leaders. I am willing to comply with the requests of the leadership and be flexible with what is asked of me.

I am aware that the experience may involve a focus on prayer based on the Catholic tradition. I am open to this experience and will actively participate to the degree which I am able.

I further realize that I will be visiting areas where the culture and the customs may differ from my own. I will treat all people I meet with respect.

I agree not to involve myself in any illegal activity while at Romero Center Ministries.

I certify that I have reviewed the attached Rules of Romero Center Ministries, that I understand these rules, and that I agree to follow these rules. I understand that any infraction of these rules – including but not limited to possession or use of drugs or alcohol, entering a room occupied by a participant of the opposite sex at any time of the day or night, gross disrespect to a staff member or chaperone, actions which endanger myself or others, behavior which is contrary to Catholic teaching or the mission of Romero Center or which is publicly scandalous, and behavior which is disruptive to the program – may result in immediate termination of my participation in the activity and expulsion from Romero Center Ministries. I understand and agree that, if I am dismissed from the Program, I must leave and I am responsible for my immediate transportation home.

I dedicate myself to be an active participant in this experience of service, education, prayer, simplicity, and community as an experience of living justice.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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## PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

### PERMISSION, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

#### Participation:

We certify that we have reviewed the above Participation Agreement and the Rules of Romero Center Ministries and agree that our child will comply with these requirements. We specifically understand that, if our child is expelled from Romero Center Ministries, it is our responsibility to arrange for immediate transportation home.

#### Photographs/Videos: (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ We hereby agree:
- (1) to allow photographs and videos of my child to be displayed on website(s) of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, East Camden (St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral) and/or its Romero Center Ministries;
  - (2) to waive, release, and forever discharge any and all claims that I may have with respect to the use of the photographs or videos on such website(s) by Romero Center Ministries, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, East Camden, The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey and their respective agents, servants, employees, officers, trustees, administrators, and volunteers; and
  - (3) to indemnify, hold harmless, protect and defend The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, East Camden, Romero Center Ministries and their respective agents, servants, employees, officers, trustees, administrators, and volunteers, from any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, suits, fines, penalties, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, brought or incurred by or on behalf of any person whomsoever or entity whatsoever, arising out of or in any way connected with the said use of such photographs or videos by any person or entity.

#### **OR**

- ☐ We do not agree to allow any photograph or video of our child to be displayed on website(s) of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, East Camden (St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral) and/or its Romero Center Ministries.

#### Release and Indemnification:

**PLEASE NOTE that, by signing this release, you are not only requesting that your child participate in this activity and consenting to such participation, but you are also waiving any and all claims that might arise out of such participation.**

We, as parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give consent and permission for our child to participate in the activity described above. We are aware that this activity includes active participation in the activities noted above. We certify that our child does not have any medical conditions, physical limitations or other limitations that would affect our child's ability to participate in these activities.



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## *Release and Indemnification (cont'd from Page 3)*

In consideration of permission granted by Romero Center Ministries, a mission of St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Camden, and The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, for our child to participate in these activities, we release any and all claims against Romero Center Ministries, St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Camden, The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, and their respective agents, servants, employees, officers, trustees, administrators and volunteers, for damages and/or injuries to us or our child which may arise from participation in this activity and agree to indemnify and hold these entities harmless from and against any claim or claims brought by or on behalf of our child or by or on behalf of any other person arising out of or in any way connected with our child's participation in the activity.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_



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## **MEDICAL CONSENT AND RELEASE:**

By reason of our son/daughter being on a group trip, we as parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent and give our permission for our child to be diagnosed, treated and/or medicated in accordance with standard medical practice, by licensed medical personnel.

We hereby release any and all claims against Romero Center Ministries, St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Camden, The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, and their respective agents, servants, employees, officers, trustees, administrators and volunteers, for damages and/or injuries to us or to our child which may arise from such medical treatment.

We agree to indemnify and hold harmless Romero Center Ministries, St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Camden, The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, and their respective agents, servants, employees, officers, trustees, administrators and volunteers, from and against any claim or claims brought by or on behalf of our child or by or on behalf of any other person arising out of or in any way connected with such medical treatment.

We agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of such treatment and the scheduling of such treatment.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_



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## URBAN CHALLENGE PARTICIPANT RULES

*The following list is intended to be representative, though by no means comprehensive, of rules and guidelines created to ensure the integrity of the Romero Center Ministries programs and the experience of the participants. Any infraction of these rules may result in immediate termination of participation in the activities of the program and expulsion from the Center:*

Be open and immerse yourself in this experience.

Listen reverently and respectfully to others, including: fellow Urban Challenge participants, chaperones, Romero Center Ministries staff, guest presenters, all guests and staff members at worksites, and anyone else who you might encounter during your Urban Challenge Experience.

Get plenty of rest.

Pitch in with chores around the center (e.g. kitchen clean-up, keeping the center neat).

Do not flush anything other than bodily waste and toilet paper down the toilet.

Do not eat or drink anywhere other than the specified dining area on the first floor.

Report any damage to a Romero Center Ministries staff member immediately.

Do not have your cell phone on the first floor of the Romero Center or with you at the work site.

Do not roughhouse, throw balls or other objects, or do anything else that could damage the building, furniture, equipment, or other contents or which could cause injury to yourself or others. **Participants will be billed for all damages that occur during their stay.**

Do not open the front door.

Do not open the windows on the first floor.

Do not smoke, consume alcohol, or use illegal drugs.

Do not go into anyone else's dorm room under any circumstances.

Do not touch anyone else's belongings.

Do not engage at any time in actions which: endanger yourself or others, are contrary to Catholic teaching, are publicly scandalous, and/or are disruptive to the program.