**FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips away from parish premises are to fulfill the following guidelines which serve to strengthen the purpose of faith formation:

* The trip must be intended to provide a definite learning experience for the students involved, considering their level of learning and faith development.
* The students should be prepared for the trip, connecting it to their formation experience.
* The catechist is to do a follow-up sharing on the learnings of the trip, helping students express what this experience teaches them about living out our Catholic faith.

Practically, the following is to be observed:

* An adequate number of responsible adult chaperones must accompany the student to assist in supervision. At least 2 adults should be present at events.
* Trips involving lengthy travel distance are to be discouraged for younger students.
* A licensed public carrier should be employed to transport students on field trips.
* Written permission must be secured from the parents of all students planning to attend the scheduled field trip. A Diocesan Event Waiver can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://sites.google.com/a/evdio.org/documents/home/youth-young-adult>
* Refer to the “Safe Environment Manual” for guidelines to have in place for youth functions, including background checks and training. The manual is available online at <https://sites.google.com/a/evdio.org/documents/home/chancery-1/safe-environment>