

Diocesan Policy on Hotel Room Assignments and Related Policies

Hotel Sleeping Room Assignments: Members of the opposite sex are not to be assigned the same hotel room, and adults (18 and older) are not to room with youth [*].

Diocesan Child Protection Policy: All adult WYD 2008 registrants (18 years of age or older on or before July 10, 2008) must be in compliance with the diocesan child protection policy. Contact your pastor and ask him to send a letter (with the names of all adults from your parish registered for WYD 2008) to the Youth Ministry Apostolate, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 by January 31, 2008 verifying the following in regard to each adult:

- Completed Volunteer Registration Form
- Screened in accordance with the diocesan background-screening program
- Completed Virtus Training
- Received Diocesan Child Protection Policy Manual and signed agreement (Appendix I)
- Signed Code of Pastoral Conduct (Appendix E)

Chaperoning: Chaperones are responsible for enforcing curfew and for keeping noise to a minimum in hotels. If a chaperone must go into a youth sleeping room, especially of the opposite sex, it is recommended that a second chaperone be present. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.

Behavior at Hotels: Socializing with members of the opposite sex should be done in public areas. No visiting is permitted in hotel rooms occupied by members of the opposite sex without permission from the diocesan group leader.

* *Possible Exception to this Policy:* Family members who are participating together in WYD 2008 may be exempt from this room assignment policy. Inquiries on this policy are to be directed to Tom Smith at (516) 678-5800 x 615.