

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Internet Code of Conduct

The Diocese of Belleville (the "Diocese") and schools/parishes affiliated with the Diocese want to promote and encourage use of the Internet for educational purposes in a manner consistent with the religious and educational objectives of the Diocese and such schools/parishes. In an effort to further those objectives and maintain the integrity and reputation of the Diocese and those schools, the following *Code of Conduct* has been developed for persons who access the Internet through the Diocese or a school/parish affiliated with the Diocese. Access is conditioned upon the User's agreement to and continued compliance with this *Code of Conduct*.

1. The User shall only use the Internet and related technologies (the "Network") in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Diocese of Belleville, and to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. All use of such technology is intended to promote the proclamation of the Gospel, to teach the doctrinal traditions and moral standards of the Church and faith formation.
2. The User shall comply with the rules of other organizations, networks, or computing resources when using other networks.
3. The User is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the Network.
4. The User shall not without authorization:
 - a. Use the Network for illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any United States or state regulation, including, but not limited to, copyrighted material.
 - b. Download or transmit software, without authorization, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or devirused.
 - c. Use the Network to engage in vandalism. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm or destroy data of another User or to damage hardware or software. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
 - d. Download copyrighted material for other than personal use.
 - e. Download or transmit material protected by trade secrets.
 - f. Use the network for private financial or commercial gain.

- g. Use resources wastefully, such as file space.
- h. Gain or seek unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- i. Use another user's account or password.
- k. Post material authored or created by another without his/her consent.
- l. Post anonymous messages.
- m. Use the Network for commercial or private advertising.
- n. Use the Network to play games, engage in unauthorized chat, chain letter communication, or flame letters.
- o. Access, submit, post, publish, or display any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, violent, racially offensive, harassing, illegal material or information on bombs, or any other weapons.
- p. Use the Network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
- q. Reveal the personal address or telephone numbers of students, staff persons, faculty members and colleagues.
- r. Use the Network for any purpose other than those consistent with the educational objectives of the school/parish/Diocese of Belleville.

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