

CODE OF CONDUCT

Possession of Pornography

For all those who minister to young people in the Diocese of Salina

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have shown a true reverence for our human bodies. We revere the human body as it is a temple of the Holy Spirit that one day will be glorified at the resurrection of the dead. Any denigration of the body is sinful. As pornography objectifies the body, reducing it to an inappropriate sexual abuse, it is entirely incompatible with the way of Christ. It also must be noted that while all pornography is evil, any involvement with child-pornography is gravely sinful, illegal, and will not be tolerated in any way.

Of the many important gifts God has entrusted to the Church, our children and youth are among God's greatest. In order to create a safe environment that will reverence the dignity of a child's life, all those who minister to young people in the Diocese of Salina will follow the guidelines and rules in this CODE OF CONDUCT as they pertain to pornography.

AS SOMEONE MINISTERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

I WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS to avoid all pornographic or sexually explicit, profane, or otherwise inappropriate materials.

Specifically, **I WILL NOT** share, promote, and/or disseminate pornographic or sexually explicit, profane, or otherwise inappropriate materials with a minor and/or a student. I understand and agree that possessing, posting, downloading, or accessing child pornography is a criminal offense and that all who minister on behalf of the Diocese of Salina have a legal obligation to report this behavior to civil authorities and law enforcement whenever it is discovered. I further understand and agree that the Diocese of Salina reserves the right to investigate the matter internally, following any criminal or civil investigation. Proven participation in child-pornography will result in strong disciplinary action including employment or ministerial dismissal.