

## COTILLION CODE OF BEHAVIOR

*“Do not let anyone look down upon you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, your faith and purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)*

Welcome to the Archdiocese of Newark’s **Cotillion!** As a Representative of your parish and the Archdiocese of Newark, we ask that you act in a responsible and Christ-like manner and be a positive witness to other youth and adults who attend the Cotillion. We thank you in advance for your consideration and respect. We are confident you will demonstrate the maturity, and behavior that has become the trademark of Catholic youth of this Archdiocese.

Parish Youth Ministers and group leaders are responsible for the actions of the members of their group. Each parish accepts full responsibility for any damage or theft caused by members of their group while attending the Cotillion. Adult chaperones from each parish are to adhere to the Archdiocesan Policy on Protecting God’s Children, to help enforce the Code of Behavior and to set an example for their youth.

### **As a participant of the Cotillion, I understand and agree to the following:**

1. Dress should reflect the virtue of modesty. Appropriate dress for this evening is semi formal clothing that is respectful to your dignity and others. Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. **Low cut tops, mini skirts, or other inappropriate attire is not to be worn at any time during the evening.**
2. Sexually explicit actions are always inappropriate at Catholic functions. For example, participants must refrain from dance movements that are sexually suggestive.
3. The purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is absolutely forbidden, regardless of the age of the participant. Any individual using or possessing illegal drugs will be placed in police custody.
4. Anyone leaving the Cotillion before the conclusion will not be permitted to return. Therefore, once you leave be sure you have transportation.
5. Smoking is not permitted.

This Code of Behavior pertains to all youth and adult participants. Anyone in violation will be dismissed and may be suspended from future Archdiocesan Youth Ministry events and programs.

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Minister \_\_\_\_\_

**This Form should be returned to your Group Chaperone and they will hold onto it for the evening!**