



VYC 2013 Application

This is an application form for the Viatorian Youth Congress. Please complete this application, print it, have your guardian/parents sign all the pages and return it to your campus minister or youth minister. If you have any questions during the process, please ask your campus or youth minister. Please make sure all the pages are signed by your guardian or parent. A check list is included below.

Thanks!

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Gender: _____

I understand that _____ is applying to be a Delegate at the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House from August 5 to August 8, 2013.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Your Name _____

Consent and Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release from Liability Agreement

Your child has been invited to attend the **Viatorian Youth Congress on August 5-August 8, 2013 at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, Illinois**. As his/her parent or guardian, your signature will be required to evidence your consent and acceptance on the provisions of this form.

In consideration of my child's opportunity to participate in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress, I voluntarily agree to the following additional terms:

1. **Introduction**. The undersigned understands that participation in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress entails a trip to the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois. The undersigned understands that the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House is a separate and distinct entity, unaffiliated with the Clerics of St. Viator. The undersigned understands that, although a member or members of the Clerics of St. Viator may be present during the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress, the Clerics of St. Viator is not responsible for the supervision, safety, health, and/or care of participants in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress. The undersigned understands that although there will be volunteer Youth Leaders present at the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress, the volunteer Youth Leaders are not agents, employees, or representatives of the Clerics of St. Viator, and are also not responsible for the supervision, safety, health, and/or care of any of Delegates or minors attending the Youth Congress.
2. **Consent**. I hereby give permission and do consent for my child to participate as a Delegate in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress.
3. **Assumption of Risk**. The undersigned assumes all risks that are foreseeable and involved with or may arise out of his or her voluntary participation in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress, including, but not limited to, the negligent and/or willful and wanton acts of others, including, without limitation, the negligent and/or willful acts of any other participant, volunteer, or employee of the Youth Congress, any member, employee agent, or volunteer of the Clerics of St. Viator, and/or any third party, the criminal and/or intentional acts of others, the omission of an act of another, a defect or condition of the premises, a defect in the vehicles used for transport, the unavailability of emergency care, any negligence in any medical care provided, political unrest, terrorist activity, war, and/or natural disasters.
4. **Release**. The undersigned releases the Clerics of St. Viator and all of its officers, trustees, officials, employees, and/or agents, and agrees not to initiate litigation on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of action, injuries, illnesses, damages, and/or cost of expenses arising out of the activities involved in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress, including those claims, causes of action, injuries, illnesses, damages, and/or cost of expenses based on death, bodily injury, or property damages, whether or not caused by the negligence or other fault of the parties being released.
5. **Waiver**. The undersigned waives the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance, cause and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, that the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing this release. This means, in part, that the undersigned is releasing unknown future claims.

6. **Rules & Regulations.** I understand that my child’s conduct and behavior while a Delegate in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress is subject to the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress Delegate Living Agreement and Code of Conduct, the rules and regulations of the Youth Congress, the Clerics of St. Viator, and the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, as well as the laws of the State of Illinois. I understand that any violation of the rules or regulations of the Youth Congress, including the Community Living Agreement and Code of Conduct, Clerics of St. Viator, Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, or a violation of the laws of the State of Illinois may subject my child from dismissal from the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress.

7. **Withdrawal.** I understand that I am responsible for any and all costs arising out of my child’s withdrawal from the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress before its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action.

8. **Indemnity and Defense.** The undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend the Clerics of St. Viator, and all of its officials, officers, employees, and/or agents (hereinafter jointly referred to as “indemnitee”) against, and hold them harmless from, any and all claims, causes of action, damages to or destruction of any property of the indemnitee or any others, injury, or death that may result to the undersigned, the undersigned’s child, or anyone else.

9. **Representatives.** The undersigned enters into this agreement for him or herself, and his or her heirs, assigns, and legal representatives.

10. **Insurance.** The undersigned understands that the Clerics of St. Viator does not carry insurance to cover any possible losses the undersigned and/or the undersigned’s child may incur as a result of his or her child’s voluntary participation in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress. The undersigned is encouraged to, or to have his or her child, undergo a medical physical examination and purchase health insurance prior to any and all participation as a Delegate in the Youth Congress.

11. The protections provided by this Agreement only enhance, and do not detract from, those protections already provided by the laws of the State of Illinois.

12. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is prohibited, invalidated, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that provision will, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of the prohibition, invalidity, or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction, unless it materially alters the nature or material terms of this Agreement.

13. **Acknowledgement.** THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS AGREEMENT, AND REALIZES THAT IT RELATES TO SURRENDERING AND RELEASING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS AND DOES SO FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. MOREOVER, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS OR HER CHILD’S PARTICIPATION, IN THE 2013 VIATORIAN YOUTH CONGRESS IS VOLUNTARY.

PRINTED PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

VIATORIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

Photo and Video Waiver

The Clerics of St. Viator take photographs and make visual and video recordings of our community members and participants of our events and our various programs/activities. Many of these are used in publications (newsletter, brochures, etc.), news releases, educational brochures, the Clerics of St. Viator Web site, external social and news-related Web sites, and other internal and external publications. Clerics of St. Viator would like to be able to highlight all of the participants involved in these activities with the permission of the parent/guardian.

Please mark (X) and fill out one of the following:

_____ I, _____, give permission for my child to appear in any photographs and/or videos for the purposes of publications, news releases, brochures, the Clerics of St. Viator Web site, other social and news-related Web sites, and other internal and external publications deemed appropriate by the Clerics of St. Viator. Additionally, my child's(s') name and hometown may appear in any or all of these publications.

_____ I, _____, do not give permission for my child to appear in any photographs and/or videos for the purposes of publications, news releases, brochures, the Clerics of St. Viator Web site, other social and news-related Web sites, and other internal and external publications deemed appropriate by the Clerics of St. Viator. Additionally, my child's(s') name and hometown may not appear in any or all of these publications.

Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

VIATORIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

CODE OF CONDUCT AND COMMUNITY LIVING AGREEMENT

This Code of Conduct and Community Living Agreement establishes the standards of behavior for all Delegates participating in the 2013 Viatorian Youth Congress. As a Youth Congress Delegate, it is incumbent upon you not only to deal with other Youth Congress participants in an appropriate manner, but also to set an example by exercising discretion and good judgment in your interactions with others. To this end, the following standards of behavior shall be observed by all Delegates attending the Youth Congress:

I. COMMUNITY LIVING

The Community Living Agreement has been developed as a way to help participants understand how their behavior can support that goal and make the Congress more meaningful for everyone

In order to support the creation of the Christian Community, I agree to:

1. Surrender my cell phone to my adult leader for the entire Congress so that I can focus on meeting people and growing closer to God.
2. Sacrifice my wants convenience, and comfort for the needs of the group
3. Behave in a way that respects people and reflects Catholic teachings
4. Actively participate in all prayer and discussion
5. Promptly attend all group gatherings
6. Abstain from the use of alcohol tobacco, and illegal drugs
7. Not leave the site without an adult leader
8. Respect all rules regarding curfew
9. Respect the privacy of other participants by not visiting the sleeping quarters of the opposite gender
10. Abide by the Code of Conduct
11. Report all violations of the Code of Conduct to my adult leader

II. CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to abiding by the Community Living Agreement, as set forth in (I), above, I also understand that certain behaviors will be expected, and other behaviors will be prohibited. In that regard, I agree, throughout my participation as a Delegate with the Youth Congress, to abide by this Code of Conduct. I understand that any violation of this Agreement, may result in my immediate suspension as a Delegate, and that any and all transportation expenses associated with my transportation home will be paid for by my parent and/or guardian.

Although physical contact is a natural and positive way of expressing affection toward other people, concern for the safety and comfort of all Youth Congress participants, as well as respect for the teachings of the Church, necessitate that certain rules of conduct be strictly adhered to. Thus, the following is a list of permitted behaviors, followed by a list of prohibited behavior which must be followed absolutely. The prohibited behaviors are not allowed with respect to anyone, whether a Delegate, Youth Leader, or other participant in the Congress:

A. Permitted Behaviors

1. Short “side hugs,” “shoulder-to-shoulder” hugs, or “temple-to-temple” hugs;
2. Pats on the shoulder or back;
3. Handshakes;
4. Giving “fives”;
5. Touching hands, shoulders, or arms;
6. Putting arms around shoulders;
7. Holding hands during prayer or if someone is upset.

B. Prohibited Behaviors

1. Any form of unwanted affection;
2. Showing physical affection in private or isolated areas, such as bedrooms, closets, closed rooms, private rooms, or staff-only areas;
3. Lengthy or inappropriate hugs or embraces;
4. “Full-frontal” or “bear” hugs;
5. Giving or receiving any type of massage;
6. Wrestling, tickling, or giving piggyback rides;
7. Persons sitting on the laps of others;
8. Anyone putting their hands into anyone else’s pocket;
9. Lying down next to, sleeping near, cuddling with, or sharing the same bed or sleeping bag with any other person;
10. Touching the buttocks, chest, knees, thighs, or genital areas of another;
11. Kissing on the mouth; and
12. Sexual activity. For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, “sexual activity” means vaginal, anal, or oral intercourse; kissing on the lips; “French kissing”; or the touching of an erogenous zone of another (including, but not limited to, the thighs, genitals, buttocks, anus, pubic region, or chest) for the purposes of sexually arousing or gratifying either person.
13. Using, possessing, providing, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any smoking materials;
14. Possessing sexually oriented or morally inappropriate materials (magazines, cards, videos, films, pictures, clothing, etc.);
15. Providing anyone access to sexually oriented, morally inappropriate, or pornographic materials (websites, magazines, etc.);
16. Swearing;
17. Speaking to someone in a way that is harsh, threatening, intimidating, shaming, derogatory, demeaning, or humiliating; and
18. Telling inappropriate jokes.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS COMMUNITY LIVING AGREEMENT CODE OF CONDUCT, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT FOR THE DURATION OF THE VIATORIAN YOUTH CONGRESS.

PRINTED NAME OF DELEGATE:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

AS THE PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN OF _____, I HAVE ALSO READ THE COMMUNITY LIVING AGREEMENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF MY CHILD VIOLATES THE TERMS OF EITHER PROVISION, THAT S/HE MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE YOUTH CONGRESS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF MY CHILD IS ASKED TO LEAVE THE YOUTH CONGRESS THAT I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES INCURRED IN TRANSPORTING MY CHILD HOME.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Application Checklist

- Application
- Consent and Assumption of Risk Signed by Parent or Guardian
- Photo and Video Waiver signed by Parent or Guardian
- Community Living Agreement and Code of Conduct signed by Delegate and Parent or Guardian
- Check for \$325 Checks to Clerics of St. Viator, memo line "Viatorian Youth Congress"