

## Our Lady of Wisdom Student Leadership Counsels & Conduct Covenant

Congratulations on being asked to be a leader for your group and for Our Lady of Wisdom!

When considering your involvement in a leadership position, it is important to recognize that being a leader means that you not only present yourself, but that you represent your organization and even the Church herself for many people. In taking on this leadership position you are agreeing to be a Catholic role model, which means grounding your conduct upon these counsels:

1. **Fidelity to prayer and worship.** Time for daily prayer and attendance at Sunday Mass & Holy Days of Obligation. *"...the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God."* (Ex. 20:10)
2. **Humility of spirit.** Striving for a regular examination of conscience and celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. *"A clean heart create for me, O God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."* (Ps. 51:12)
3. **Purity of lips.** Avoid foul language in conversation and post nothing inappropriate on social media, etc., such as foul language, malicious comments about others, demeaning comments about or misrepresentations of the Church and her teachings, etc. *"...one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it. 'See,' he said, 'now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.'"* (Is. 6:6-7)
4. **Purity of heart.** Striving for relationships—dating and otherwise—that embody respect for Christian charity, marriage, and sexuality. Also dress, whether at Our Lady of Wisdom or elsewhere, should be modest and respectful of your Christian dignity. *"You are the most handsome of men; fair speech has graced your lips, for God has blessed you forever... All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters, her raiment threaded with gold. In embroidered apparel she is led to the king."* (Ps. 45:3, 14-15)
5. **Zeal.** Commitment to be professional and to strive for excellence since the Lord deserves our very best. *"...zeal for Your house has consumed me..."* (Ps. 69:10)

You have been asked to be a leader because others see great things in you. Thank you for your consideration of the commitment you are being invited to make and for your honest self-awareness of your own gifts, limitations, and other time commitments that obligate you. If you feel you are not ready to live out these counsels, we ask that you do not accept the position.

Your signature below is your commitment to strive to fulfill these counsels of conduct.

May our Lady continue to intercede on your behalf, that the Spirit of Wisdom may bless you to bear abundant fruit in the work to which you have been called.

*In Corde Jesu, Corde Sapientiae,*

Fr. Craig DeYoung

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(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Date)

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