



Volunteer and Church Personnel  
Criminal Background Check  
Authorization Form

Archdiocese of Detroit

Hiring Entity: Holy Cross School Marine City MI 48039  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

As a church we value the safety of children in our care, our employees and volunteers and the people whom we serve. We want to take prudent measures to protect our human and material resources. Therefore, the Archdiocese mandates that criminal history background checks be conducted for all employees and volunteers who may have unsupervised contact with a child, the elderly or persons with disabilities. Please complete this form of basic information about you, which assures the best possible program and safety for all.

**Please complete your responses to the following questions and return this form to the designated Administrator for Criminal Background Checks at your Parish or School.**

Name:		*Date of Birth:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Known by any other name(s):			

Place of Employment:	Work Phone:	Home Phone:
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Number of years in Michigan:	If less than 7 years, previous residence(s) outside of Michigan:					
	a.	Street	City	State	Zip	County
	b.	Street	City	State	Zip	County

Position(s) you are seeking, if volunteering:
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Driver's license #:	State:	*Race:	*Sex: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Authorization:**

I understand that investigative inquiries on my background are to be made on me, to assess whether any reason exists that would suggest that I not be accepted for the position. These inquiries will be made according to policies of the hiring entity and will consist of a criminal history background check and/or driving record check using the services of the Archdiocese of Detroit / Department of Human Resources or a designated outside firm. The information received will be kept confidential and will be used only to determine my suitability to volunteer for the above noted position.

I authorize without reservation, any party contacted to furnish any or all of the above-mentioned information. Further, I will allow a photocopy of this authorization to be as valid as the original for purposes conducting the necessary investigation.

In addition, I agree to abide by the policies, procedures and code of conduct that currently exist or may be amended in the future.

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(Signature of Volunteer / Church Personnel)

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(Date)

\*NOTE: Date of birth, sex, and race are being requested only for purposes of identification in obtaining accurate retrieval of records.



*Para informacion en espanol, visite [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.*

### **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for additional information.
- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center - FCRA Washington, DC 20580 1-877-382-4357
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word "National" or initials "N.A." appear in or after bank's name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Consumer Help (FRCH) P O Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480 Telephone: 888-851-1920 Website Address: <a href="http://www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov">www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov</a> Email Address: <a href="mailto:ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.gov">ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.gov</a>
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word "Federal" or initials "F.S.B." appear in federal institution's name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929
Federal credit unions (words "Federal Credit Union" appear in institution's name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-619-4600
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Consumer Response Center, 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2638 1-877-275-3342
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture Office of Deputy Administrator - GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE / VOLUNTEER CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

There are federal and state laws that protect the privacy rights of students and families. In a school situation, there are many instances in which confidential information is discussed in order to better understand students and how we can help them. As a school employee or volunteer, you must agree that you will not repeat this information outside of the school. This will ensure the protection of our students' interest and that of their families, thus creating a better environment for all.

These laws govern confidentiality: FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and IDEIA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act). These bodies of regulations indicate that confidentiality must be maintained relative to students. Therefore, any written or verbal communication with anyone who does not have a right to know is in violation of these laws. A school employee or volunteer should not carry any written or verbal statements outside of the school that would divulge any child's confidential information. In essence, only those who work directly with the student are considered as those with a "need to know." If at any time these terms of confidentiality are violated termination of your employee/volunteer status may occur.

As a school employee / volunteer:

- I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics similar to that which binds professionals in the field in which I work.
- I will keep confidential matters private.
- I understand that I legally may not share information regarding student discipline or any other confidential information related to any specific student(s) outside of the school.

By signing this agreement, I am stating that I will not divulge information about any student or family to any person outside the school setting and will abide by the Administrative Guidelines for School Employees / Volunteers.

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Signature

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Date

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Print name

