

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN POLICIES FOR CREATING AND ADMINISTERING CHURCH WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT FORM

Any Church Representative creating or administering a website or Social Media account on behalf of the Diocese or any of its parishes, schools, or ministries, must read and sign the Acknowledgment Form.

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

I have received, read, and understand the Diocese of Allentown's *Social Media and Electronic Communication Policies* and *Policies for Creating and Administering Church Websites and Social Media Accounts* (collectively, the "Policies").

I understand and agree to abide by the Policies, which may be updated from time to time.

I understand that any violation of the Policies may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment or removal from ministry or other service.

Church-related websites or Social Media accounts shall be owned by the Diocese of Allentown or the parish, school, or ministry for which the website or Social Media account was created or used. Neither I, nor any other individual, shall have or assert any ownership rights in any such websites or Social Media accounts, regardless of the name or contact information under which the website or Social Media account was created or registered.

I understand and agree that if I assert personal ownership rights over or take steps to exclude the Diocese of Allentown from accessing any website or Social Media account created or used for or on behalf of the Diocese, the Diocese shall be entitled to injunctive relief and to recover from me all costs and expenses incurred in pursuing relief, including attorneys' fees

I understand and agree that the Diocese shall have the authority to access all content and administrative controls of any website or Social Media account created or used for, or on behalf of, the Diocese or its parishes, schools, or ministries.

I hereby irrevocably consent to giving the Diocese full access to and control of any and all websites and Social Media accounts created or used for or on behalf of the Diocese or its parishes, schools, or ministries.

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Diocesan Location: _____