

**Participant Liability Release
Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center**

Due to the unprecedented, widespread, and sustained transmission of a respiratory illness caused by COVID -19 and its variants (commonly known as the “coronavirus”), gatherings of any kind present a special risk for increasing the spread of the virus. The risk is greatly increased by asymptomatic persons who attend such gatherings and unknowingly spread the disease to others. Coronavirus has been found to be very infectious.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center (FRSC) has instituted policies meant to reduce the risk of coronavirus, such as: enhanced cleaning of common areas, the wearing of masks to mitigate the spread, and other measures to protect participants; however, even with these measures we cannot guarantee that the virus can be contained. Any exposure to others at this time carries with it the risk of infection. By signing this Liability Release, you are acknowledging that the risk is present, you have read and understand, and agree to the following:

- You agree to wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- You agree to cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw that tissue into the garbage afterwards.
- You affirm that you are free from symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, muscle pain, chills, repeated shaking with chills, or loss of taste or smell.
- You agree to reaffirm each day you are here that you are free from symptoms of COVID-19 or to have your temperature taken upon request.
- There is increased risk to people you are in regular contact with after the retreat. You agree that if you are in close contact with a vulnerable individual that you will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, Our Lady of Consolation Province and its volunteers, employees and managers of any harm that results from that contact.
- You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center and Our Lady of Consolation Province and their respective volunteers, employees, and managers if you contract this virus as a result of this gathering.
- You agree that if you become ill during your gathering with symptoms of COVID-19, your retreat leader and Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center may isolate you in your room and seek appropriate medical attention on your behalf at your expense.

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- You agree that your retreat leader and Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center can ask you to leave or find a safe way to transport you home if you do not adhere to any of the requirements listed above, if you engage in other behavior not listed above that is deemed to endanger others with the possibility of infection, or if you become ill with COVID-19 symptoms not requiring immediate medical attention during your gathering.

- By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending activities at the FRSC and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the FRSC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, FRSC employees, volunteers, and program participants. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the FRSC or participation in FRSC programming (“Claims”). I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the FRSC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the FRSC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any FRSC program.

Name of your
retreat/gathering: _____

Please print your name legibly:

Your telephone number: _____

Your Signature indicating agreement to the above

today's Date