**Liability Waiver and Release of Claims**
**Participation in the 65th New England CYO Basketball Tournament 2025**
**Hosted by: The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation (“Diocese of Norwich”) & The Hartford Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation (“Archdiocese of Hartford”)**

**Team Waiver Information for Schools/Parishes Participating signed by Pastor or Principal**
Name of School or Parish:
Principal or Pastor:
Pastor or Principal Phone Number:
Pastor or Principal Email:

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the **65th NECYO Basketball Tournament**, organized by the **Diocese of Norwich** and the **Archdiocese of Hartford**, and hosted for the benefit of participants from **[Add your School or Parish and Diocese]**, the undersigned, as the authorized representative of the participating group, hereby agrees to the following:

**1. Acknowledgment of Risk** We acknowledge and understand that participation in this basketball tournament involves inherent risks of injury, including, but not limited to, physical injuries such as sprains, fractures, concussions, and other serious bodily harm. We accept full responsibility for all risks, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable, that may result from participation in this event.

**2. Waiver and Release of Liability** We, the undersigned, on behalf of the participants from our group, hereby waive, release, and discharge the **Diocese of Norwich**, **Archdiocese of Hartford**, Xavier High School- Middletown, Mercy High School – Middletown, St. Paul’s Catholic High School – Bristol, St. Paul Catholic School – Kensington, and their employees, agents, volunteers, affiliates, and representatives from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, or damages arising from or related to participation in the basketball tournament. This waiver applies to any injury, damage, or loss that may arise, including, but not limited to, those caused by the negligence, acts, or omissions of the Diocese of Norwich, Archdiocese of Hartford, or other parties involved in the event.

**3. Indemnification** We agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **Diocese of Norwich**, **Archdiocese of Hartford**, Xavier High School- Middletown, Mercy High School – Middletown, St. Paul’s Catholic High School – Bristol, St. Paul Catholic School – Kensington, and their officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims, damages, losses, or liabilities arising out of or related to the actions or participation of our group or its members during the event. This includes but is not limited to claims made by our participants or any third parties arising from the tournament.

**4. No Liability for Actions** We acknowledge that the **Diocese of Norwich** and the **Archdiocese of Hartford** are not responsible for the actions or decisions made by participants, teams, dioceses, schools, fans, or parishes involved in this event. This includes but is not limited to any injuries, misconduct, or other occurrences related to the actions of participants, coaches, players, fans, or representatives of other organizations involved.

**5. Governing Law** This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut.

**6. Voluntary Agreement** We have read and fully understand this waiver and release of liability. By signing this form, we agree that we are voluntarily relinquishing certain legal rights, including the right to bring a lawsuit against the Diocese of Norwich and the Archdiocese of Hartford. This waiver is executed on behalf of the participants in parish and school.

**Signature of School or Parish Representative**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pastor/principal)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name School or Parish Representative:**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_