

## **Use of Physical Force**

### **Student Restraint**

Faith formation personnel, within the scope of their responsibilities, have the duty to protect students from harming themselves and others. He/she may use reasonable physical restraint as may be necessary to:

- Protect himself/herself, the pupil, or others from immediate physical injury
- obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object upon or within the control of the pupil
- protect property from physical damage

### **Corporal Punishment**

Corporal punishment is understood to mean the deliberate infliction of physical pain by any means upon the whole or any part of a pupil's body as a penalty or punishment for a pupil's offense.

Persons employed by or engaged as a volunteer by faith formation programs within the Diocese of Marquette shall not threaten to inflict, inflict, or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon any pupil.

A list of alternatives to the use of corporal punishment should be established in accordance with formally adopted policies of the Local Faith Formation Commission.

Policy

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