

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ZANESVILLE, OHIO

CELL PHONE POLICY

Accident statistics show that the use of cell phones while driving distracts a driver’s attention from traffic conditions. To promote driver safety and to help reduce the possibility of vehicle accidents in connection with cell phone use, the Catholic Diocese of Columbus has adopted the following CELL PHONE POLICY applicable to all employee and volunteers:

- Cellular phone calls, both incoming and outgoing, are not permitted at any time while driving a vehicle for diocesan or parish business.
- Diocesan or parish business includes travel between the employee’s/volunteer’s work site and external meeting locations, and between external meeting locations and the employee’s/volunteer’s work shite.
- Accidents occurring while a drive is using a cellular phone may be considered preventable and subject to disciplinary action.
- A cellular phone’s voicemail feature should be activated to store incoming calls while driving.
- This policy applies to both hand-held and hands-free cell phones.
- All non-emergency calls should be made once the vehicle is safely parked.

In addition to the above Diocesan policy, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church does not permit Emailing, texting or internet usage while driving a vehicle for diocesan or parish business.

I have read and understand the above and I agree to uphold this policy while and employee of or while serving as a volunteer for Saint Thomas Aquinas Church.

Employee/Volunteer Name (please print)

Employee/Volunteer Signature

Date