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### **‘Promoting sobriety for a better society’**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Pioneer Centre in the Parish would like to offer your son/daughter the opportunity of joining the Pioneer Association.

For young people there are two sections. **Juvenile** (8-11 years) and **Young Pioneer** (12 years upwards). The commitment involved has already been explained to your child in school. This involves abstaining from alcohol until the threshold of adulthood (usually around 18 years), reciting a daily prayer and wearing the appropriate emblem. In the young Pioneer section we add a promise to stay away from drugs for life.

In view of the pressures on young people to take alcohol and the immense benefits to be gained by abstaining from alcohol during their teenage years, we encourage them to join.

If young people get through their formative years without the aid of alcohol, they are likely to enter adult life more mature and responsible. We have asked your son/daughter to seriously consider joining the Pioneer Association and encourage him/her to make this commitment. If you, their parents, encourage them to do so and support them in this commitment, it will be of enormous help.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter and we thank you in anticipation for your help and encouragement.

Application Form overleaf

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# Form to be filled in by applicant With a Parent or Guardian

Parental/Guardian's permission is necessary for enrolment

Parents/Guardians to include covering note with application form indicating their consent/approval

**Do you wish to become a member of the Pioneer Association?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**If "Yes" please fill in the following:**

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile (8-11)

Young Pioneer (12 Years Upwards)

**Do you understand the three main obligations?**

- a) To abstain from alcoholic drink \_\_\_\_\_
- b) To recite the Pioneer Offering every morning and night \_\_\_\_\_
- c) To wear the Pioneer Emblem \_\_\_\_\_

Forms are to be returned to the school by the \_\_\_\_\_ along with  
€ \_\_\_\_\_ for the badge and certificate.

**Juvenile Badge and Certificate: €9.00 (including P&P)**

**Young Pioneer Badge and Certificate: €10.00 (including P&P)**