

## **PARISH FACILITIES SACRED SPACE POLICY**

The purpose of parish facilities is to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ and to serve the needs of the Catholic community. Parish facilities are a sacred religious place. At all times, parishioners, as well as guests and invitees of the parish, are to respect the principles of the Catholic faith in the manner in which our facilities are used.

In order to maintain the sacred nature of parish facilities, they may never be used in a manner that contradicts the tenets and principles of the Roman Catholic Church. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Events that celebrate actions and rituals that are contrary to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church,
2. Events that support behavior that is contrary to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church,
3. Events that promote conduct, products and activities that are contrary to the tenets and principles of the Roman Catholic Church,
4. Conduct that is not in keeping with civil laws and regulations, and
5. Conduct that offends Roman Catholic Church teachings regarding the sanctity of human life.

The primary purpose of this sacred space is for use by Roman Catholic Church entities and organizations. However, in the spirit of service to the community and in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, parishes may allow a limited pre-approved use of parish facilities by entities and organizations that are not a part of the Roman Catholic Church. These groups must agree that they will respect the sacred religious nature of parish facilities and will abide by the guidelines set forth herein.