

CONSTITUTION

QUEEN OF APOSTLES COMMUNITY PARISH

AS APPROVED, JULY 2005

PREAMBLE

We, a Catholic Community in the Marianist tradition, aspire to be the holy people God calls us to be. Called by our baptism and guided by the Holy Spirit, we embrace the mission of renewal proposed by Vatican II. Opening ourselves to God's grace and uniting through prayer, sacred scripture, liturgy, and the sacraments, we proclaim our willingness to serve one another, reach out to those in need, and foster faith wherever we are called.

I. Name

The community shall be known as the "Queen of Apostles Community Parish".

II. Purpose and Objectives

1. To provide a vital liturgical life in which our corporate participation expresses the life of the community.
2. To develop and encourage the religious education of the Christian Family.
3. To work together in building a Community of Faith in the Marianist tradition.
4. To establish an atmosphere of openness and Christian hospitality.
5. To promote an awareness of the need for involvement with the wider community of the church and the world.
6. To support the Chancery, and to participate in and support the Pastoral Council, the Deanery Council, and the Archdiocesan programs.

III. Membership

1. Membership in the community should encompass a small enough number of families to enable people to know one another and to be united in active service.
2. Membership is attained through registration.

IV. Responsibility of Membership

1. To support community activities and meetings by the contribution of energy, time, talent, and finances, individually and collectively, as the ability of the member permits.
2. To be responsive to the needs of the greater Dayton area and to work towards discovering and providing resources to meet these needs.

V. Structural Organization

Coordination between the religious and temporal aspects of the community, the Queen of Apostles Community Parish shall work towards these objectives as follows:

1. The community will have a Pastor who, as approved by the Archbishop, shall be the community's representative to the Archdiocese.
2. The community will have a Pastoral Associate who oversees all spiritual aspects of the community.
3. The community will have a Community Coordinator who oversees the temporal aspects of the community.
4. Registered members will be given one vote in all matters of decisions relative to management and operation of the community in accordance with rules established in the Operating Procedures.
5. Permanent working committees will be responsible for actions in the following areas:

<u>Religious:</u>	<u>Temporal:</u>
- Pastoral	- Finance
- Liturgy	- Social Justice
- Religious Education	- Communications
	- Youth
- 5.a. The religious committees will be the responsibility of the Pastoral Associate. Further, the paid staff positions of priests team, Religious Education Coordinator, and Director of Music Ministry, shall be the responsibility of the Pastoral Associate.
- 5.b. The temporal committees will be the responsibility of the Community Coordinator. Further, the paid staff position of Pastoral Associate shall be the responsibility of the Community Coordinator.
- 5.c. The Religious Education Coordinator shall serve as the coordinator of the Religious Education Committee.
- 5.d. All other committees shall select their own committee coordinators as unpaid volunteers to represent the committee to the community.
- 5.e. The body of all committee coordinators plus the Pastoral Associate shall be known as the Steering Committee. The committee will be chaired by the Community Coordinator.
6. When issues arise which do not clearly fall within the area of a single committee, ad hoc committees may be established and will report to the Community Coordinator or the Pastoral Associate, as appropriate.

VI. Working Committees and Coordinators

1. The working committees will be organized as shown in Operating Procedures.

2. The working committees will serve the community by conducting the ordinary business appropriate to their area (as listed in V.5.). They will advise the Community on issues related to their committees.
3. The Community Coordinator and the Pastoral Associate should be aware of activities within the Community and may serve as an ex-officio member of those committees.

VII. Meetings

1. The committee coordinators will meet as often as necessary to conduct business affecting the community.
2. Regular community meetings will be held on a day agreed upon by the community.

VIII. Selection and Terms of Office

1. The position of Community Coordinator is voluntary, and the term of office shall be for one year. The Community Coordinator may serve a second successive one-year term only.
2. The paid staff positions shall be in accordance with the Operating Procedures.
3. The term of office for the committee coordinators shall be for a minimum of one year.
4. Formation of working committees and selection of committee coordinators shall be conducted in accordance with the Operating Procedures.
5. The term for all committee coordinators shall begin the first day of the Community fiscal year.

IX. Amending the Constitution

1. A motion to amend the constitution shall be instituted by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the eligible voting members of the community. The motion shall be presented to the Steering Committee in time for inclusion in the agenda for next scheduled Community meeting. The amendment will be accepted or rejected by Community referendum held not less than one month after its discussion at the aforementioned Community meeting. Approval of two-thirds (2/3) of those voting in the referendum shall be necessary for acceptance of the amendment.