

BY-LAWS OF THE HARRISBURG DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING (D.C.C.S.)

Section 1: The purpose of the Catholic Committee is to give guidance, direction, leadership and vitality in the spiritual phase of scouting to all Catholic scouts and scouters in the diocese. In addition, the committee will promote the various religious emblem programs throughout the diocese to Catholic sponsored units and other units whenever and wherever feasible.

Section 2: The regular meetings of the D.C.C.S. will be held generally on a semi-monthly basis on the third Sunday in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. Meetings will start at 2:00 p.m. The meeting place will be the Diocesan Center, or any other locations or date changes as announced in advance by the Chair.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the Chairman with ten (10) days notice to all members.

Section 4: The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting shall:

- A. Develop, schedule and carry out a program of activities for all scouting units within the Catholic Church, which is in addition to, but not geographically in conflict with, the various Council or District activities.
- B. Through publicity and other contacts, strive to reach all Catholic youth and adult scouters in other chartered units, with the hope that they may want to participate in the activities conducted by the D.C.C.S.
- C. Work with, and within, the framework of the various councils, and the proper committees, and through the B.S.A. council leadership, to make every effort to extend and strengthen scouting within the Catholic Church.
- D. Be aware of and ensure that all adults involved in the committee and/or committee-sponsored activities are in compliance with all B.S.A. Youth Protection in Scouting Rules & Policies and the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program.

Section 5:

- A. The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting shall include the following:
 - Diocesan Chaplain
 - Diocesan Chairman
 - Associate Diocesan Chaplains from each scout council within the diocese
 - Subcommittee Representative from each B.S.A. council within the diocese
 - Members at-large, as needed to carry out the program of scouting
 - Diocesan Vice-Chairman

- Diocesan Secretar
 - Diocesan Treasurer;
 - Director/Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- B. The Chairman and the Chaplain of the committee are appointed by the Bishop (usually with input from the present Chairman and Chaplain). The recommended term of office for all personnel shall be two (2) years, and they may be reappointed for one (1) term only, or may be reappointed for a fifth two (2) year term by a two-thirds vote of members of the D.C.C.S present, or as directed by the Bishop. After the absence of two years, a former Chairman or Chaplain is again eligible to be reappointed as D.C.C.S. Chairman or Chaplain.
- C. The chartered organization representative from each Catholic parish and Catholic organization using the Scouting program are ex-officio members of the D.C.C.S.

Section 6: The Diocesan Scout Chaplain shall represent the Bishop in all meetings of the D.C.C.S., and shall have general supervision of the spiritual welfare of Catholics in scouting within the diocese.

Section 7:

- A. The Diocesan Chairman shall have complete charge over all meetings of the D.C.C.S. The Diocesan Chairman will appoint a chairman to each of the following committees, who will in turn choose his or her own working committee.
- B. The DCCS shall consist of the following committees
- Membership: To promote Catholic sponsorship
 - Religious emblems: To promote Catholic religious emblem programs for all Catholic scouts
 - Religious activities: Includes retreats, days of recollection, vocations, etc.
 - Scout Development: To train and promote spirituality in Catholic leaders
 - Procurement: Collection of food for retreats, etc.
 - Communication & Publicity: To maintain communication with Councils within the Diocese, NCCS, Diocesan Publications and local/regional/national media
- C. The Chairman shall be a member of each standing committee. In addition to standing committees, the Chairman shall have the authority to establish ad hoc committees at any time, and to appoint members thereto. Any member may serve on more than one (1) committee, but is limited to be chairman of only one (1) committee.

Section 8: The Diocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting hereby adopts as its Parliamentary Authority, the volume entitled, Roberts Rules of Order latest edition, which shall govern all matters within the purview of that volume.

Section 9: These By-Laws, wholly or in part, may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the D.C.C.S. present, following advance notice to each member at least twenty-eight (28) days before the meeting at which action on amendment or repeal is to be taken. The notice shall state the extent and precise nature of the amendment repeal that is proposed.

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Bishop of Harrisburg

Seal of the Bishop of Harrisburg

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D.C.C.S. Chairman

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D.C.C.S. Secretary