

St. Mary Men's Group of Groveport, Ohio

Mission and Charter

Mission

The men of St. Mary have bonded together to enrich our Christian faith through spiritual growth and enlightenment, support of our parish, community outreach, and fellowship.

Charter:

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section A: Name- The name of this group shall be St. Mary Men's Group.

Section B: Affiliation- This group is affiliated with St. Mary Catholic Church of Groveport, Ohio.

Section C: Purpose- The Charter of the Men's Group guides us in the fulfillment of our Mission. It establishes four priorities of sharing and support, which will enhance and strengthen our faith as we develop and grow. The four priorities are:

- 1. Spiritual Growth and Enlightenment-** Strengthening and developing a better understanding of our Catholic faith, along with learning how to be better Christians through our faith.

Potential Activities: (List is not all inclusive)

- Faith topics for discussion with Pastor
- Guests to present on faith and spirituality
- Bible Studies
- Prayer education and understanding
- Catholic Church issues
- Books to read and review

- 2. Support of Our Parish-** Help build and strengthen our parish community relationships by identifying and assisting the needs of the parish.

Potential Activities: (list is not all inclusive)

- Mass and other ministry assistance- Eucharistic Minister (at church or to home bound) , server, greeter/usher, readings, cantor, choir, funeral services, etc.

- Interact and assist with various parish groups and committees- charity, projects, activities, dinners, fund raising, issues, concerns.
- Maintenance/Repairs- buildings, grounds, equipment, etc.
- Personal assistance- care giving, transportation, home maintenance/repairs,etc.

Community Outreach- Help build and strengthen our local community relationships through sharing our faith and helping those in the community and who are less fortunate.

Potential Activities: (List is not all inclusive)

- Food Pantry/Meal Services
- Clothing
- Services for those in need
- Transportation
- Ecumenical activities
- Network with local groups and organizations as appropriate to achieve our mission

3. Fellowship- Help build and strengthen the relationships between the men of St. Mary.

Potential Activities: (List is not all inclusive)

- St. Mary History
- Faith Sharing
- Social Activities- meals, cards/games, movies/plays, sporting events (in person or television), trips (religious or otherwise)
- Walking/Exercise
- Activities with other Men’s Groups
- Family activities
- Guests to discuss interesting topics- social issues (local and national), professions, crafts, travel, and sports
- Parties

Article II: Membership and Dues

Section A: Eligibility- Membership shall be open to all men of the St. Mary parish, and surrounding community who support the purpose of the St. Mary Men’s Group, and upon payment of the dues outlined in Section B.

Section B: Dues- St. Mary Men’s Group dues will be \$10.00 annually.

Article III: Officers

Section A: Officers- The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers will comprise the Board of Directors.

Section B: Eligibility- Officers must be members in good standing of the St. Mary Men’s Group

Section C: Election- The officers shall be elected annually by ballot during the March meeting of the current year. The member will assume the position upon receiving a majority of the vote cast for that office.

Section D: Term- The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin at the end of the March meeting of the current year.

Section E: Vacancy- If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by appointment.

Article IV: Duties of Officers

Section A: President- It shall be the duty of the President to:

- Preside at meetings
- Vote only in case of a tie
- Represent the group
- Appoint committee chairmen
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section B: Vice President- It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

- Preside in the absence of the President
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section C: Secretary- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- Record the minutes of all meetings
- Keep a file of the group's records
- Maintain a current roster of membership
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club in the weekly bulletin, flyers in the church entry, via other St. Mary organizations, etc.
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Treasurer- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

- Serve as the financial officer of the group and conduct his duties as prescribed by the parish of St. Mary Church in Groveport, Ohio and the Dioceses of Columbus
- Receive all funds and process Request for Payment, Deposit Slip, and Officer Signature Forms
- Will keep permanent records of the financial status of the organization
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Article V: Meetings

Section A: Meetings- Regular meetings will be held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the social hall at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Section B: Special Meetings- Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the other officers.

Section C: Voting- A majority vote of the members present is needed to pass a decision which requires a vote.

Section D: Parliamentary Authority- This group will use Robert's Rule of Orders when dealing with the finances of the group. The rest of the meeting will be conducted by the presiding officer in the manner which is most appropriate.

Article VI: Advisor

Section A: Selection- The Pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Groveport, Ohio shall be the advisor to the St. Mary Men's Group.

Section B: Duties- The responsibilities of the advisor shall be to:

- Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the St. Mary Men's Group
- Meet on a regular basis with the leader of the St. Mary Men's Group to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and problems of the club
- Attend regular meetings, executive board meetings as often as schedule allows
- Explain and clarify Church policy and procedures that apply to the group
- Provide direction in the area of Church teachings and policies
- Assist the treasurer in monitoring expenditures, fundraising activities to maintain an accurate and up-to-date account ledger.

Article VII: Committees

Section A: Priority Committee- As resources permit each of the four priorities listed in Article I will have a committee to establish topics and organize/schedule activities, projects, etc. per their priority.

Section B: Other Committees- The St. Mary Men's Group will have committees as needed such as:

- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Sweet Heart Dance (Valentine's Dance)
- Parish Picnic
- Pumpkin Sales

Section C: Special Committees- The President shall have the authority to appoint any special committees, with the approval of the Board of Directors, from time to time as need demands.

Article VIII Amendments

Section A: Selection- This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the group membership.

Section B: Notice- All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least five days before the meeting.

Revision History

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