

POLICY No. 24

BINGO AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE

See Policy No. 21

1. Term definitions

Bingo and other games of chance: are fund-raising activities on church premises where winners are given cash prizes and so come within the jurisdiction of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario as well as the local municipality.

2. Intent of the directive

To make certain that parishes and church institutions do not rely excessively on games of chance as their fund-raising activities.

3. Policy

- a. Where it has been traditional to hold bingos and other games of chance on church premises, as a fund-raising activity for the parish, all civil regulations must be observed.
- b. However, such games of chance should not be organized on a regular basis (for instance, each week) due to the negative message they send to the people. Indeed, where possible, games of chance should be eliminated.
- c. Where a bingo and other games of chance are held, separate accounting is to be kept for all revenues and expenditures. The account books for these revenues are to be available to the diocesan authorities at any time. Revenues should be reported on the appropriate line of the annual financial statement.
- d. A parish that wishes to begin holding a bingo or other games of chance on a regular basis must first consult the diocesan financial administrator.
- e. Revenue received from such activities is not subject to the diocesan administration expense since a lottery license was issued for the activity.

Lottery applications must be filed with the city as they are very specific.

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