

Bylaws of the Holy Family Society

Article I: Name and Purpose

1. The Holy Family Society, located at 401 Main St. N., Karlsruhe, ND hereafter called Society, with all its undertakings, works in conjunction with and under the guidance and direction of the Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Karlsruhe, ND.
2. The chief purposes of the Society are:
 - a. The promotion of the honor and glory of God according to scripture, “Whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.” (1 Peter 4:11). This must especially be true of the Catholic parish whose members are called to be the body of Christ. When we serve one another in mutual love and respect, God is glorified.
 - b. The promotion of a closer union among its members by the bond of charity.
 - c. To give spiritual aid to deceased members by offering prayer and Masses.
 - d. To raise, receive, and distribute funds for funeral luncheons, cleaning supplies, upkeep of kitchen areas, bathrooms, altar, and special projects.
 - e. To act as the service-arm of the parish community: serving funeral luncheons and providing hospitality for projects and special occasions.

Article II: Membership

1. Every member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish is a member of the Society.
2. Membership of the Society consists of family units.
3. The membership shall be divided into circles to carry out the work of the Society.

Article III: Meetings of the Members

1. Meetings of the Society shall be quarterly or as needed.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Pastor.
3. Notice of the meetings shall be published prior to the meeting in St. Peter and Paul’s parish bulletin.
4. Each member, 18 and older, present shall have one vote.

Article IV: Descriptions and Duties of Officers

1. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Pastor of St. Peter and Paul Parish.
2. The duties of the officers of the Society consist of:
 - a. President.
 - i. Prepare agendas.
 - ii. Preside at meetings.
 - iii. Call special meetings and committee meetings.

- iv. Appoint Circles to specific events.
- v. Ensure the captains are well informed of their duties.
- vi. Cancel meetings if necessary.
- b. Vice-President.
 - i. Presides in the absence of the president.
- c. Secretary.
 - i. Keep accurate record of proceedings of the meetings.
- d. Treasurer.
 - i. The Sts. Peter & Paul treasurer will be the Society Parish treasurer as well.
 - ii. Present quarterly financial reports to the Sts. Peter & Paul Finance Council.
- e. Pastor.
 - i. The Pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Parish will oversee the workings of the Society.

Article V: Committees

1. The Officers of the Society and the Pastor shall be the Executive Committee.
2. The president, vice-president, and secretary shall be elected by the members of the Society every two years, which is non-renewable. The vice-president will assume the presidential duties and a new vice-president and secretary will be elected upon the conclusion of the two-year term.
3. The Executive Committee shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all circles.
4. Executive Committee Officers must be practicing Catholics in good standing at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish and attend 3 of the 4 quarterly meetings during the calendar year.
5. The Finance Council will be referred any issues the Executive Committee cannot resolve on their own.

Article VI: Circles

1. Membership of the Circles will be family units.
2. Circles shall consist of a Captain, Co-captain and designated members.
3. Captain and Co-captains serve for two years, which is renewable.
4. The Executive Committee shall determine members, Circles will vote for Captain and Co-Captain.
5. The Circle Captains duties are to solicit circle members for assistance, such as: food, work, etc.
6. The Co-captains duties are:
 - a. Assist the Captain as necessary.
 - b. Fulfill the duties of the Captain in the event of an absence.

Article VII: Duties of Members

1. Attend meetings.
2. Take part in all activities of the Society, according to ability, such as; donating food, working, etc.

Article VIII: Funerals

1. The Circle serving a funeral luncheon will prepare the main dish and furnish bars and salads.
2. The Society will furnish the main dish, coffee, punch, buns and butter.
3. The Circle serves and does cleanup.

Article IX: Amendment of Bylaws

1. These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new laws may be adopted by the majority of the Executive Committee and those present at a meeting of the Society.

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of
these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”
(Matthew 15:40 NRSV)