

# **CATHOLICS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AT UC SAN DIEGO**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

#### **ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego.

#### **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

We, the Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego, as an affiliate of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego, a mission of the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego, have a mission to spread God's love and to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ through community service, education, and support for the San Diego community, as well as communities across the Mexican border.

#### **ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

#### **ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego is open to all who are willing to participate in and promote the mission as stated in Article II.

#### **ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego Board of Governors, known as Student Ministers, shall hold meetings five times per quarter on Friday evenings. Attendance is required for all Student Ministers. These meetings are private and not open to non-governing organization members. Minutes shall be recorded at each meeting by a designated Student Minister. All members are invited to events throughout the academic year. Attendance is not required for members.

#### **ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS**

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego shall maintain a Board of Governors made up of eight (8) officers known as the Student Ministers. They shall coordinate events that translate the love of God into action that seeks to improve the overall wellbeing of those less fortunate, both locally and across the border. Student Ministers shall hold office for one (1) year, commencing

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on July 1 and ending on June 30. Student Ministers shall be selected by the Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego. Any removal of a Student Minister shall be at the sole discretion of the Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego.

### **ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

#### **ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1. IN CASE OF INTERACTION WITH MINORS AND/OR THE ELDERLY**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

#### **ARTICLE VII. SECTION 3. IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important.

International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

### **ARTICLE VIII. COMMUNITY ADVISOR**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego shall have their community advisor selected by the Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego. The role of the community advisor will be to help connect the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San

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Diego with the Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego and assist with finances and other logistics. They are required to serve throughout the academic year.

### **ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The Catholics for Social Justice at UC San Diego shall receive funding through the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego.

### **ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**

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