

Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish

CONSTITUTION

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We, the Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish, as an affiliate of the Newman Center Catholic Community, a mission of the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego, experience Christ’s presence in Word, Eucharist and one another. We seek to build a Catholic Community by welcoming all, growing together in faith, and serving with love and compassion.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish is open to all who are willing to participate in and promote the mission as stated in Article II.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all its members and does not condone hazing. Hazing, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the organization in compliance with state and federal law, Regents’ policies and University regulations. Participation in hazing or any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, activity, or method committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons, including current, former, or prospective students, regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of a preinitiation, an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, an official or unofficial student organization or other student group that i. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including personal degradation or disgrace, and/or ii. the person knew or should have known was likely to cause serious bodily injury. As an organization, we understand that failure to abide by hazing policies and laws will result in referral to the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) for an organizational violation and/or individual violation(s).

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish 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 attend Mass every Sunday and other 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 Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish shall maintain a Board of Governors made up of twelve (12) officers known as the Student Ministers. Student Ministers shall hold office for one (1) year, commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30. Student Ministers shall be selected by the Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community. The Board of Governors shall consist of six committees. Each committee shall be led by two Student Ministers. The six committees are:

Liturgy Committee: Student Ministers of the Liturgy Committee shall be designated as Principal Members. The Liturgy Committee shall create spaces and opportunities for people to pray and worship, primarily through Eucharistic celebrations and other sacraments.

Spirituality Committee: The Faith Formation Committee shall engage students to grow in their faith both spiritually and intellectually. They shall put on events such as Adoration and a speaker series to encourage students in their journey with Christ.

Social Justice Committee: The Social Justice Committee shall coordinate and participate in events that spread the love of God through action and improve the wellbeing of those less fortunate both locally and across the border.

Community Life Committee: The Community Life Committee shall build strong ties within the faith community by providing regular social gatherings outside of Mass. They shall host Thursday Night Dinners and facilitate intramural sports and retreats.

Communications Committee: The Communication Committee shall post Facebook events, publish the Newman News, maintain social media accounts, coordinate tabling after Mass, and photograph or video record events.

CLC Committee: The CLC Committee shall coordinate the formation of a Christian Life Community, small groups of students with the focus on prayer and discernment.

There will also be two or three Coordinators: Student Ministers who shall handle logistics for the Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish by placing reservations and TAPing events. They shall coordinate tabling. They will also guide the other 12 Student Ministers with the help of the Newman staff through spiritual exercises, team building activities, and retreats throughout the year.

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS

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. A Student Minister will be considered for removal if they consistently demonstrate a failure to meet their responsibilities without prior consultation with their

Community Advisor (Community Advisor role specified in Article VIII) and or the Director of the Newman Center. The Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego, in deliberation with the Community Advisor, may remove the Student Minister from their position, which may or may not also constitute a lapse in membership in the organization pursuant of Article IV. The removal process will ensure a due process is administered: The Student Minister will be given a written notice that includes the reason for potential removal and the date of the hearing. During the hearing, both parties (Student Minister & Community Advisor/ Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego) will share their perspectives; the Student Minister will have the opportunity to present a defense and submit counter-evidence. After the hearing and reviewing (if provided) counter-evidence by the Student Minister, the Community Advisor and Director of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UC San Diego will discuss and reach a verdict. The verdict will be shared with the Student Minister through a written notice or a follow-up meeting. Any student misconduct beyond unmet responsibilities will be referred to appropriate university departments instead of holding a discussion within the organization.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish 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

Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish 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 UC Learning <https://uclearning.ucsd.edu> . The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish 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 Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish 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 Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish shall have their community advisor selected by the

priests, staff, and Student Ministers. The role of the community advisor will be to help connect the Newman Center Catholic Community with the Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish and assist with finances and other logistics. They are required to serve throughout the academic year.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish shall receive funding through the Newman Center Catholic Community.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

The Catholic Community – Newman Center Parish is an affiliate of the Newman Center Catholic Community, a mission of the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego.