

CONSTITUTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COUNCIL of the ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO, TX

ARTICLE I

PREAMBLE

Section 1. Mission: The mission of the Catholic Schools Council of the Archdiocese of San Antonio (referred to as the “Council” hereafter) is to commit itself to the educational and catechetical advancement of the Church through social awareness, service, guidance, and leadership to our Catholic schools.

Section 2. Goal: To fulfill this mission, the Council shall formulate and propose policies to the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of San Antonio (hereafter referred to as the “Archbishop”) designed to:

1. Be a voice for the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of San Antonio regarding issues of social justice.
2. Respond to the needs of the local Catholic School Councils by providing guidance in: finances, membership, buildings and grounds, policy making, planning, and development.
3. Call forth and encourage others to assume roles of leadership on their school councils.

ARTICLE II
CREATION AND NAME

There is hereby established an association of persons, which is organized under the name of
“Catholic Schools Council of the Archdiocese of San Antonio.”

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Council shall be consultative to the Superintendent in all matters for which the Superintendent seeks the Council’s advice and expertise pertaining to Catholic schools.

Section 2. The Council shall give advice to the Department of Catholic Schools and the Archbishop on operational matters concerning all Catholic schools within the Archdiocese.

Section 3. The Council, with the Superintendent, shall review periodically the Department of Catholic Schools’ budget.

Section 4. The Council shall formulate and propose written policies. The policies are designed to further the mission and goals of the Catholic schools and are subject to the approval of the Archbishop.

Section 5. The Council shall continually monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of its policies. The Council and the Superintendent shall function as resources for local councils.

Section 6. The Council will research, develop and communicate for itself and the Department of Catholic Schools specific goals and strategies for operational matters. The goals and actions will be reviewed in a timely manner.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Number: The Council shall consist of not less than 11 nor more than 13 regular members. The Archbishop, the Moderator of the Curia, the Superintendent of Schools and PTC Federation President are ex-officio members of the Council. The Council members will be the number of representatives from the following: one pastor, two Catholic university representatives, one public school representative, and no more than nine members at large, representative of the various constituencies of the Archdiocese.

Section 2. General Eligibility: Any persons who have shown a sincere interest in and commitment to Catholic education and who are willing to give time and energy for the betterment of Catholic education and who are positive contributors to their parishes in the Archdiocese are eligible to become members of the Council.

Section 3. Selection by Appointment: The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Archbishop in accordance with the by-laws of the Council.

Section 4. Non-Eligibility: No employee of the Pastoral Center or of any elementary or secondary Catholic school in the Archdiocese may be a member of the Council.

Section 5. Term of Membership: Each member shall serve a term of three years. No member may serve more than two terms. Two or more years in filling a former member's unexpired term shall be considered a term of membership.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the Council shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, and financial officer.

Section 2. Eligibility: Any regular member of the Council is eligible for election as an officer of the Council.

Section 3. Term: The term of an office of the Council shall be for one year. No member of the Council shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 4. Duties: The duties of the officers of the Council shall be established in the Council's bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The Council shall hold regular and special meetings as provided in its bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS & ANNUAL REVIEW

This constitution may be amended by consensus of the regular members of the Council and upon approval by the Archbishop; provided, however, that any proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing at the regular meeting of the Council immediately preceding the meeting at which such vote is taken. This constitution is to be reviewed annually.

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