

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

FUNDING POLICY

(Finalized March 10, 2010)

As a STEWARDSHIP PARISH, our ultimate goal is that ALL fundraising and special collections in excess of the regular Sunday collection at Christ the King will be kept to a minimum.

I. BASIC FUNDRAISING POLICY

- 1) *The Sunday collection is the primary means of funding ALL ministries of Christ the King parish;*
 - 2) *Fundraising will be limited. All fundraising income, with the exception of the gift card program, CTODP and student council will tithe 10% to either the school or parish endowment.*
 - 3) *Other organizations affiliated with Christ the King are not allowed to fundraise on church grounds.*
- *We encourage all parishioners to tithe a minimum of 10% of their income, in keeping with biblical guidelines.*
 - *At no time is there to be anyone on our church grounds seeking to raise personal or organizational funds through solicitation or the selling of tickets or other merchandise unless approved according to this policy.*
 - *All ministries and affiliated organizations are referred to their staff liaison(s) for financial assistance. All needy individuals or families are referred to H.O.P.E. outreach.*

II. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY

- 1) *The Friday night Fish Fry during Lent, currently sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, may continue as a social gathering. The primary focus is to build community.*
- 2) *Knights of Columbus will be allowed to distribute Tootsie Rolls annually on the parish grounds, but they can not directly request a donation in return.*
- 3) *As one of the costliest and most important ministries of our parish, Christ the King School is exempt from some aspects of this policy. All personnel and organizations of the school are to encourage tithing on the part of all parishioners and school families as the primary means of supplementing the financial needs of the school. Given the rising costs of tuition and growing financial need on the part of some students, it may be necessary for the school to conduct independent fundraising efforts to meet some of its needs.*
 - a. *With the approval of the School Principal, the School Board and the Pastor, the school will be allowed to conduct one annual fundraiser. The fundraiser is not to be perceived as replacing or discouraging tithing to the parish.*
 - b. *Dollar-for-dollar exchange programs such as gift card sales and grocery certificates, as well as parishioner support of the Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix (CTODP) are to be encouraged.*
 - c. *Also, Student Council fundraising activities that are solely for school and student needs and are limited to the school grounds may continue.*

- 4) *If a ministry would like to hold a social and/or spiritual event, the event must be presented and discussed at a parish staff meeting, by a staff member, to coordinate dates and avoid scheduling conflicts. The focus of the event must be on glorifying God, with an emphasis on work and prayer, and hospitality (recognizing the presence of God in everyone). This event should not be advertised as a fundraiser; however should there be surplus funds the funds may be used to cover a specific pre-identified need within that ministry. Final approval will be granted by the Pastor. Any funds raised by these efforts will be tithed (10%) to either the school or parish endowment (dependent on which ministry is hosting the event).*
- 5) *The pastor, according to Canon Law, has the authority to override any policies and approve fundraisers on a case by case basis.*

III. CONCLUSION

- 1) *Review of this Funding Policy will continue to be monitored and evaluated by the Stewardship Commission, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and School Board when changes occur, with the ultimate goal that ALL fundraising and special collections in excess of the regular Sunday collection at Christ the King will be kept to a minimum.*