

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE POLSKA MISJA RZYMSKO-KATOLICKA W MEMPHIS**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

This organization shall be known as the POLSKA MISJA RZYMSKO-KATOLICKA W MEMPHIS (Polish Roman-Catholic Mission in Memphis). Hereafter in this constitution referred to as the POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA.

The POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA is a Roman-Catholic Community and as such it recognizes the leadership and directives of our Bishop and that of Roman-Catholic Hierarchy of the Diocese of Memphis.

## **ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA will be to:

1. Practice religious ceremonies in the Polish language
2. Unite the Polish-speaking people in the service of the Lord
3. Promote Brotherhood among Polish-speaking community
4. Provide spiritual assistance and guidance to both resident and visiting Poles
5. Preserve Polish language, Polish religious traditions, and national traditions
6. Pass Polish heritage and Polish language on to younger generation of Poles in Memphis by providing them with an adequate education in Polish

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to all persons of Polish ancestry and any other persons that are interested in the Roman-Catholic Faith and Polish culture.

Requirements to become a member will be to register with the Executive Committee. The purpose of said registration is to:

1. Get to know a person
2. Encourage the people to participate in the various committees
3. Maintain a current roster as regards the POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

1. This organization will be directed by:
  - a. A Spiritual Director appointed by the Bishop
  - b. An Executive Committee composed of:
    - Chairman
    - Vice-Chairman
    - Secretary
    - Three Members at Large (two are selected and one appointed by the Spiritual Director.)
2. The members of the Executive Committee will be elected for two years.
3. A member of the Executive Committee had to be 21 years of age or older.
4. OFFICERS MUST BE OF THE ROMAN-CATHOLIC FAITH.
5. Process of election:
  - a. Election will be in January.
  - b. 60 days before the election date the Executive Committee will present to the membership the candidates to the new Executive Committee.
  - c. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by the community.
  - d. Election will be by simple majority.
  - e. A person entitled to vote is the one registered in the current roster as the member and 18 years of age or older.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

1. There will be as many committees as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. These Committees will be appointed by the Executive Committee to fulfill the need of POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA.
2. The various committee chairpersons' length of office will coincide with that of the Executive Committee.
3. There will be a MAIN COMMITTEE that will be composed of:
  - a. The Spiritual Director
  - b. The Executive Committee
  - c. The Chairpersons of the various Committees
  - d. The Pastor, or his representative, of the host church.

## **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

1. The Executive Committee will meet once a month or as deemed necessary at the location determined by them.
2. The quorum for business for the Executive Committee will be five.
3. Decisions will be by a simple majority of those present, all votes being of equal value.
4. The MAIN COMMITTEE should meet at least every three months.

## **ARTICLE VII FINANCES**

1. Members of the POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA are encouraged to make regular donations for the financial support of the POLSKA MSJA KATOLICKA.
2. At least once a year a financial report should be given to the members of the POLSKA MISJA KATOLICKA.

## **ARTICLE VIII COOPERATION WITH POLISH ORGANIZATION(S)**

The cooperation will be maintained by Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Amendments to this constitution must be by:

- a. A majority of the Executive Committee with
- b. Ratification by the MAIN COMMITTEE