

Constitution
of the
Kentucky Catholic Student Coalition

Preamble:

We, the collegiate Catholic students of Kentucky, in order to strengthen and unite our campus faith communities, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Kentucky Catholic Student Coalition under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Article 1: Name

The name of this group shall be the Kentucky Catholic Student Coalition, hereafter referred to as KCSC.

Article 2: Statement of Purpose

To build up a healthy working state organization that can withstand frequent leadership changes.
To promote a strong, positive Catholic identity among Catholic students
To promote spiritual, cultural, and educational development through retreats, and activities.
To assist Catholic students in discerning and responding to their vocational call.
To promote a commitment to Catholic social teaching.

KCSC is exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 3: Membership

The KCSC is composed of all those persons who are associated with a Catholic faith community and attend a Kentucky institution of higher education. Affiliation shall run for one year, beginning in September. Campus faith communities which are affiliated with the KCSC shall be entitled to representation. Students from non-affiliated schools are entitled to individual membership. The campus and individual affiliation fees shall be determined by the state team in the summer preceding each academic year.

Article 4: Organizational Structure

The KCSC is a coalition of Catholic faith communities and a part of the network of the National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC). The KCSC hopes to serve as an inspiration and support to campus faith communities at all levels of development.

Article 5: Relation to Student Communities

The KCSC exists to promote communication among local Catholic campus faith communities, to act as a link to the national network of other state organizations, and to serve as a platform for discussion of relevant issues. The KCSC does not govern individual student communities; it serves to promote networking and to facilitate interactions amongst them.

Article 6: The State Team

The state team will be chosen through a process of discernment. Any affiliated member is eligible for the process. The state team shall be composed of student representatives and at least one non-voting campus minister/advisor. A non-voting sacramental moderator shall be appointed by the archbishop.

The state team consists of at least six executive positions and one liaison from each of the affiliated schools. Each affiliated campus nominates one student as a liaison for his/her school and as a voting member of the state team.

State team members are elected at the beginning of each new term. Every term lasts for a one year.

Non-Catholics are not permitted to be on the Leadership team as the KCSC core should be representative of Catholic students. However, non-Catholics are welcome to help plan and participate in retreats, give talks, be rectors, etc.

A. Roles of the President

To set the agenda and to conduct and preside formal meetings of the state team and the KCSC

To serve as the official spokesperson of the KCSC

To maintain correspondence with the NCSC Region III (Team South) representatives and the NCSC Kentucky State Ambassador.

To ensure that state team members are on task and in communication with each other

B. Roles of the Vice President

To promote the KCSC and seek membership from all Kentucky campus faith communities

To assist in the planning and organizing of retreats, conferences, and business meetings

To work closely with the rector (retreat coordinator) of the campus hosting a retreat

To serve as a liaison to the KCCMA

To serve in place of the President if he/she is unable

C. Roles of the Secretary

To maintain files of KCSC and records concerning its activities.

To take minutes at all team and business meetings.

To be responsible for any necessary correspondence among KCSC members and the state team.

D. Roles of the Treasurer

To carry out all financial dealings of the KCSC.

To keep accurate budget records and prepare a proposed budget for the new year.

To make periodic reports to the state team on the financial status of the KCSC.

To assist in the financial planning of all retreats and meetings.

E. Roles of the Webmaster

To establish and maintain the web site

To establish and maintain a resource library, via computer, including available programs, speakers, and facilities

F. Roles of the Campus Liaison

To facilitate communication between his/her campus and the KCSC

To encourage participation in KCSC activities within his/her campus faith community

To provide campus information to the Public Relations Officer and the Webmaster

To serve as a voting member of the state team, echoing the sentiments of his/her campus community

G. Roles of the Campus Minister/Advisor

To provide spiritual direction to the KCSC

To serve as a source of support and continuity to the KCSC

H. Roles of the Sacramental Moderator

To be a priest nominated by the state team and appointed by the archbishop

To preside at sacraments in KCSC gatherings or to help the state team to find another priest to serve in his place

The previous President or a designated team member has the option to remain on the team as a non-voting member in the role of State Advisor. The State Advisor would also assist the new President during the transition period.

Team positions must be filled by currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, professional, or seminary students. They are entitled to serve more than one term provided they are re-elected or re-appointed and shall remain a student for the majority of their next term.

Attendance is mandatory for the team at the KCSC retreats. Voting members of the team must attend all of the team meetings scheduled during the year (except in the event of an unexpected circumstance).

Any executive showing disregard for the responsibility he/she has been elected to uphold may be discharged from his/her position by a majority vote of the state team. When a position is vacant, the state team will take action to fill the position.

Article 7: The State Body

A majority vote by the affiliated KCSC members is required when voting for executive state team positions.

Article 8: The Retreats

There shall be a fall and spring retreat for the KCSC. The host schools for the conference for the upcoming year shall be determined by the active state team. Any affiliated member is welcome to serve on the retreat planning committee. **If the retreat is being held on a campus, there needs to be at least one representative of said campus on the planning team.**

A rector for each retreat shall be appointed by the state team during retreat planning.

Roles of the Rector

- To form and head committees for retreat planning
- To keep the state team informed of retreat planning progress
- To maintain a written record of the planning
- To be the retreat timekeeper

Article 9: Ratification

Any changes to the constitution must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of representatives of schools who have (a) affiliated and (b) appointed a liaison. Each school receives only one vote. In the case that a school has more than one representative on the state team, they must come to an agreement. All active affiliated schools must vote or state that they are abstaining. Any affiliated member may make suggestions to any executive officer concerning changes to the constitution.

Article 10: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of KCSC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the President of KCSC is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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