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HOLY NAME SOCIETY
of
Saint Mary's Church
THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as The Holy Name Society of Saint Mary's Church, Charleston, SC.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. General. The general purpose of this Society shall be:

1. Promoting the spiritual welfare of the men of the parish, by encouraging and assisting them to observe the practices of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, namely, the frequent reception of the Sacraments, the honoring of the Most Holy Name by active religious life, and the working against all things which offend the Most Holy Name;
2. Fostering the observance of the promises contained in the Holy Name pledge;
3. Assisting the members to participate more intimately in the life of the Church, the actions of which are Catholic Action;
4. Cooperating with the Holy Name Societies of the Diocese, in the execution of all works entrusted to it by the Most Reverend Bishop;
5. Performing such special works as are assigned to it by the Reverend Pastor.

Section 2. Specific. The specific purpose of this -Society shall be:

1. Receiving corporate Holy Communion on the second Sunday, in the months of October and March.
2. Educating the members in the works of the Lay Apostolate;
3. Supplying volunteers for community work., and assisting in the maintenance of that work, in the Diocese;
4. Fostering the Apostolate of the Catholic Press;
6. Encouraging the distribution of Catholic literature, and working against the display and sale of immoral literature;
7. Doing all other things in the Apostolate of lay action, according to the mandate given by the Most Reverend Bishop.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

All men of the parish are considered members, upon approval by the Reverend Pastor, and will have their names inscribed in the official register of this Society.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section I. Ex-Officio. The Reverend Pastor who either personally or through his delegate, shall hold the office of Spiritual Director and shall be, *Ex-Officio*, an officer of this Society,

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order (revised edition) shall govern in all cases, wherein they do not conflict with the rules of the Society, and of the Holy Name Societies of the Diocese.

STANDING RULES

The following order of business shall govern the meetings of the Society:

1. Call to order.
2. Recitation of the Holy Name pledge.
3. Introduce new members, guests and visitors.
4. Minutes of previous regular meetings of the Society.
5. Minutes of Executive Board meetings, when they occur.
6. Correspondence.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. Reports of the Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Old business.
11. New business.
12. For the Good of the Society.
13. Guest Speaker and/or the Reverend Pastor.
14. Adjournment with a prayer.

HOLY NAME PLEDGE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

I Believe, O Jesus,

That Thou art the Christ,

The Son of the living God.

I proclaim my love for the Vicar of Christ on earth.

I believe all the sacred truths,

which the Holy Catholic Church, believes and teaches.

I promise to give good example, by the regular practice of my faith, in honor of His Divine Name.

I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech.

I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country, and to the God given principles of freedom, justice and happiness, for which it stands.

I pledge my support, to all lawful authority, both civil and religious.

I dedicate my manhood to the honor of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ, and beg that He will keep me faithful to these pledges, until death.