



Policies of the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

Policy #: 230.4

Funds or Enhancements from Gaming Industries

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Revised:

Parishes, schools and agencies of the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph may not accept funding or enhancements derived from professional gaming industries.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Section 2413 states:

Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others."

Numerous social research studies indicate that families and communities are hurt by for profit gaming when people become addicted to the passion for gambling. For this reason, the Catholic Church opposes accepting funds or enhancements from professional gaming because the social costs are intolerable and the associated risks compromise the common good.