



Policies of the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

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Provisional Rules for Home Pages on the Internet

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The Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph has a presence on the INTERNET. Our address is: **[http:// www.diocese-kcsj.org](http://www.diocese-kcsj.org)**.

Our Home Page is so established that each parish, school and other Catholic organization included in the Kenedy Directory as a part of our diocesan organization can link to our INTERNET pages wherever they may be. In fact every such parish, school and other Catholic organization should be linked to our Home Page. To establish your own Home Page and to link with our diocesan Home Page please contact the Information & Media Relations Office at the Chancery.

The contents of the Home Pages of parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations of the Diocese must be appropriate to the spirit and mission of our diocesan Church and of the Church universal.

The contents of the Home Pages of parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations of the Diocese must comply with all laws and regulations governing religious and not-for-profit communication, especially as contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. These include all prohibitions against stated endorsement of or opposition to particular political candidates or any "voter education" information which rates candidates on specific issues. Furthermore, Home Pages may not be used to publish "voter education" information of any outside group.

Failure to comply with these requirements may jeopardize the tax-free status of the Diocese and the organizations listed in the Directory. If you or your on-site person has any question about a specific aspect, please contact the Vicar General's Office at the Chancery before putting the questionable material on the Internet.

The contents of the Home Pages of parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations of the Diocese must comply with all directives of the Office of the General Counsel of the

United States Catholic Conference and with all directives of legal counsel to the Diocese of Kansas City -St. Joseph.

Any parish, school or other Catholic organization of the Diocese wishing to connect to the diocesan Home Page must file with the Vicar General's Office the name of the on-site person responsible for the content and the updating of the local Home Page.

I have thoroughly read the above Provisional Rules for Home Pages on the Internet and agree to comply with same. Our on-site person responsible for the content and updating of our local Home Page is:

Name of Person Responsible for Maintaining Websit:

Signature of Pastor / Principal / Organization Head:

Website Address:
