



**MISSION: SHARE, SERVE, PRESERVE**

To share a mother's love of her own son with all sons of Catholic Central. To serve Catholic Central High School as we are needed. To preserve Catholic Central High School for future generations so that they too will experience the Catholic Central spirit.

**PART I OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as the CATHOLIC CENTRAL MOTHERS' CLUB.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECT; WELCOME, PROVIDE, AID**

This shall be a non-profit organization whose object shall be:

To welcome all members to come together in service in order to promote spiritual growth, as social atmosphere, true caring and friendship for all families of Catholic Central. To provide an atmosphere in which all members will be encouraged to watch their sons grow not only in size and strength but also in heart and soul, as they become sons of Catholic Central.

To aid and serve Catholic Central High School as we are able and whenever we are asked both financially and emotionally.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

All mothers who have a son currently enrolled in Catholic Central are members of The Catholic Central Mothers' Club. Only mothers of sons enrolled at Catholic Central in the current academic year (called "Active" in the constitution) will be eligible to vote for Executive Board positions at the May General Membership meeting.

There shall be three forms of membership:

- Honorary – Principal, Moderator and all past presidents. These are active, non-voting members.
- Active – Those with sons currently enrolled. These are active, voting members.
- Alumni – Those with sons who have graduated. These are non-voting volunteers.

**ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1. Officers**

Honorary President.....Principal of Catholic Central High School

Moderator.....Principal appointed

President



Vice President

Recording Secretary

Marketing Representative

Treasurer

Past President

## Section 2. Board

- The Executive Board shall consist of duly elected officers, the Past President, Honorary President and the Moderator. The chairpersons and co- Chairpersons of committees will represent the governing body of the Board.
- Members of the Board, other than officers, shall be appointed by the President, after consultation with the Moderator, for a minimum term of two years. In addition, the Board will also be comprised of Committee chairpersons whose numbers will be discerned through the President, Executive Board and Honorary President as according to need. These committee chairpersons will be responsible for further subcommittee chairpersons who will not be members of the governing body of the Board – they are members of the Board. The Board Committee Chairpersons will communicate the wishes of the Board to these subcommittees.
- At the conclusion of a two year term, a member may continue on the Board by Election as an officer or by appointment as the chairperson of a committee as long as they have a son in the school and have been a member in good standing.
- Should a member serve one year on the Board and be elected to office in her second year, this shall be considered the completion of her original two year appointment. The member is eligible to be elected to another office the following year. The President shall make every effort to create a board that reflects a cross section of the school population with equal representation of freshman, sophomore, junior and senior mothers.

## ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

To be nominated to serve as an officer of the Mothers' Club, the mother must have a son in Catholic Central during the year she will serve in that capacity and currently be an active member of the Board in good standing.

Section 1. There shall be a Committee on Nominations consisting of twelve

Members:

- Moderator and chairman
- Five members from the Board
- Five members from the general assembly



The immediate past president, if available, shall serve as chairperson of this committee.

Each one of the five officers of the Executive Board will select one board member to serve on this committee, with the Moderator's approval. The five members from the general assembly shall be appointed by the five members from the Board before the February Board meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a slate, nominating one or more candidates who are qualified and willing to serve in each of the elective offices. The chairperson of this committee shall present the slate to the general Membership before the May General Meeting. Every effort should be made to provide at least two candidates for the office of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Marketing Representative and Treasurer. This slate will be provided to the General Membership preceding the May General meeting. The candidate running for President must have current Active status as defined in Article III, and continue to have Active status for the year of the potential presidency.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the May General Meeting and shall assume duties of office on June 1. A plurality of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. When the number of nominees for a single office does not exceed the number to be elected, the election may be made by oral vote of candidates running from the floor. A second ballot will be taken in case of a tie. Absentee ballots have been eliminated as voted on in favor of, at the January General Membership Meeting 2008. Only mothers of sons enrolled at Catholic Central in the current academic year (called "Active" in the constitution) will be eligible to vote for Executive Board positions at the May General Membership meeting. (Adopted May 13, 2009 at our General Membership Meeting)

Section 3. An officer's term shall be understood to mean one school year.

Section 4. An Executive Officer shall only be eligible to run for the same office for one term.

Section 5. Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled in an unexpired term by a nomination and plurality vote of the Board. The President shall appoint vacancies on the Board, other than officers, after consultation with the Moderator.

Section 6. After three absences, membership on the Board will be reviewed by the Executive Board and may include replacement.

#### ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

There shall be three General Meetings. One in the fall, a float date (January-March), and one in the spring.

Special General Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Board meetings shall be an agreed upon day (preferably the second Wednesday) of each month, from August to May, at a time and location designated by the President with the approval of the Administration. The date of these meetings may be changed when deemed necessary upon agreement of the Moderator and the President.

#### ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS



The Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting by two-thirds vote of the Membership present. Any proposed amendment shall be provided to General Membership prior to said General Meeting.

#### PART II BY-LAWS ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Honorary President or the Moderator or their representative shall, whenever possible, be present at all meetings of the Mothers' Club Board and shall open and close the meeting with a prayer.

Section 2. The president shall preside at all meetings and shall act as Chairperson of the Board. She shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees. She shall be a member of all committees in an advisory capacity.

Section 3. The Vice President shall assist the President in all facets of the position and, in absence or at the request of the President, perform the duties of the office of President.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep records of attendance and the proceedings of the meetings of the Mothers' Club Board and General Meetings. Copies of these records shall be given to the Principal, Moderator, President and all members of the Board at the following Board Meeting. The Recording Secretary shall also manage facility requests with Catholic Central Administration on behalf of the Board.

Section 5. The Marketing Representative shall handle all official correspondence, every monthly online newsletter (modified January 2008), issues notices of all meetings to the Board and General Membership as well as manage the website, social media platforms and eMarketing initiatives.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall accept all monies and issue receipts. The funds so received by the Treasurer shall promptly be deposited in a bank approved by the organization.

The Treasurer shall present an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements at each meeting. She shall submit the books and Annual Report for audit by July 1.

#### ARTICLE II - COMMITTEES

Committees exist at the discretion of the current President.

Special attention should be given to maintaining the Catholic Central and Mothers' Club traditions; spirit and feeling that currently and formerly have existed since 1928. These Committees shall have a chairperson and co-chairperson, if necessary.

Each chairperson is responsible for completing a report on that function within 30 days following the event and submits it in triplicate to the vice-President, complete with pictures as possible.

The chairperson is also responsible of informing the President of all committee meetings and to seek her input as the event progresses. The chairperson will be responsible for the cleanup of the school and the Mothers' Club Room after her event.



There are certain “traditions” of the Mothers’ Club that have added to each of the events. However, change is often needed and welcomed. Before the chairperson changes any of the traditions of the event, consultation should be made with the Executive Board for direction.

#### ARTICLE III – QUORUM

Section 1. The President, two other Executive Officers and one third of the current Board Members shall constitute a Quorum at a Board meeting.

Section 2. The President and twenty-five members shall constitute a Quorum for a General Meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business, unless modified by the Board, at all Board meetings shall be:

- Call to Order
- Prayer
- Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- Reports of officers
- Reports of standing committees
- Unfinished business
- Communication of the President
- New business
- Prayer
- Adjournment

The order of business of the General Membership Meetings shall be:

- Call to Order
- Prayer
- Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- Reports of treasurer and other officers and chairpersons
- Annual report of treasurer
- Annual report of president
- Unfinished business
- Election of Officers (Spring meeting only)
- Program Optional
- Prayer
- Adjournment



#### ARTICLE V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Meetings of the Mothers' Club shall be conducted informally, yet duly in accord with the general principles of "Robert's Rule of Order". Allowances should be made for any member of the board to invoke a rule when it is deemed advantageous for the smooth and timely operation of the meeting.

These constitutions and by-laws will serve as guidelines for the Mothers' Club in its continued service to Catholic Central High School.

This Constitution was adopted in 1959 and revised in 1962, 1963, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2021.