

**CONSTITUTION
OF
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF PARISH DIRECTORS,
COORDINATORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**

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PREAMBLE

In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we as catechetical leaders, form the Association of Parish Directors (DRE), Coordinators (CRE), and Administrators (ARE) of Religious Education. The Archbishop of the Philadelphia (or his delegate from the Office for Catechetical Formation) shall have authority over all individual Association members and Executive Board members when participating in the work of the Association.

We are fully committed to Jesus and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the directives of the Archbishop of Philadelphia. In adherence to the Archdiocesan Mission Statement, we employ the variety of our gifts, services and ministries for the building of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Association of Parish Directors, Coordinators and Administrators of Religious Education

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

In affiliation with the Office for Catechetical Formation of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this Association shall foster spiritual growth, mutual support and on-going professional development among its members and shall assist its members in promoting total parish religious education.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

This Association shall offer *Full Membership* to:

1. The person(s) designated by the pastor and recognized by the Office for Catechetical Formation as the DRE, CRE, and / or ARE.
2. The Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education from the Office for Catechetical Formation
3. Archdiocesan Administrators from the Office for Catechetical Formation.

Affiliate membership shall be offered to:

1. Former members who are not actively engaged as DRE, CRE, and / or ARE.
2. Professional associates in parish catechesis.

ARTICLE IV: VOTING PRIVILEGES

Voting privileges are extended to all members holding full membership.

ARTICLE V: GOVERNANCE

The Association shall be governed by an Executive Board which consists of:

1. The Executive Committee
Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
2. The Director of Parish Religious Education from the Office for Catechetical Formation of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
3. Representatives of Vicariates.
4. Archdiocesan Administrators or Representatives from ministries specifically related to religious education and designated by the Archbishop.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

1. Executive Committee members shall be elected for a two year term by the general membership at the Spring Professional Development Meeting. The office of President is filled by succession of the Vice-President.

2. Vicariate representatives shall be elected for a two year term by the members of their vicariate.

ARTICLE VII: DUES

Each member shall pay an annual membership fee by October 1 of the current year. The amount of the fee shall be determined by the Executive Board and presented to the general membership for approval at the Spring Professional Development Meeting of the previous year.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDING OR REVISING THE CONSTITUTION

1. Proposed revisions or amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration.
2. If the proposed change is approved by the Executive Board it shall be e-mailed or mailed to the entire voting membership for approval.
3. The proposal(s) is approved upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at the Spring Professional Development Meeting or responding by absentee ballot.