

# Varsity Catholic

## Student Organization Constitution

### **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

Varsity Catholic

### **ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE**

We want to adore God's creation through exercise and investing in varsity/club athletes around the campus of The Ohio State University. We desire divine intimacy with the Lord and authentic friendships with those we are in community with. We strive to give athletes a way to find their greater purpose outside of their sport and resources to get formed in the Catholic Tradition.

### **ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

#### **Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct**

*Varsity Catholic agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

#### **Section B. Hazing**

*Varsity Catholic agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

#### **Section C. Bylaws**

*Varsity Catholic retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. Membership Eligibility**

Must be a undergraduate or graduate student at The Ohio State University and be active in a club, varsity, or recreational sport.

### **Section B. Member Selection**

Members can complete a very short Google Form to gather contact information and reason for joining. President and Vice President will review submissions to determine if a candidate can join or not.

### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

Any candidates can join at anytime throughout the school year and can stay active until they graduate or ask to be removed.

### **Section D. Member Removal**

Members will be active until they ask to be removed or graduate. If members have not shown any involvement via groupchat or events for a semester, they will be removed by default. Furthermore, if a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor. For member removal to occur, evidence must be provided to establish grounds and the member will be notified of their charges. The member will have an opportunity to defend themselves.

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

### **Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities**

Advisor will approve goals and entire organization to the university as well as meet with the elected board as needed to assist with operations and handle disputes.

### **Section B. Advisor Term**

Must commit to at least 1 full semester and can declare themselves as advisor for future semesters until they want to step down

### **Section C. Advisor Selection**

The elected board will have at least one Chapter Advisor who is a faculty or staff member at The Ohio State University and who shall be appointed unanimously by the Board.

### **Section D. Advisor Replacement**

The current advisor must declare they are stepping down at least 1 month before the end of their term so the elected board can find a replacement. In addition, in the case of resignation or removal, the board must communicate with other faculty or staff at The Ohio State University to fill the role of Chapter Advisor. The board must again unanimously decide to appoint them as Chapter Advisor.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

### **Section A. Officer Positions**

President will be point of contact for the student org to help with any questions. They will keep the elected board up to date and organized with any changes. Vice President will assist the president with tasks and meetings. Treasurer will manage the applications for funds from the university and any funds received. They will also manage fundraising initiatives through the school year.

### **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

Potential officers must have attended at least 75% of the meetings/events and made multiple attempts to bring someone new into the org.

### **Section C. Officer Selection Process**

Beginning of March there will be a Google Form sent out to all current members for them to fill out if they are interested in becoming an officer. After 2 weeks, interviews will be held with the current elected board. Voting will happen within the current elected board after all interviews have been completed.

### **Section D. Officer Removal**

Officers will stay in their position until they graduate or step down at the end of their term. If there is a complaint or request for an officer to be removed, at least two members must make it known to the president, vice president, or advisor and it will be discussed. If it is determined that an officer needs to be removed, they will be relieved of duties within 3 days and an interim appointed by the elected board will take their place. Furthermore, officers may be removed by board decision due to actions that go against University Regulations or harm the organization's mission. A petition stating the charges against an officer, and signed by at least one-half of the officers, shall be required to bring charges against an officer. A vote to impeach the officer shall be held two weeks following the submission of the petition. A two-thirds majority vote of the officers shall be required to impeach an officer. In the case of vacancies occurring, applications should be posted the second week of the following semester. Applications, interviews, and the sending of offers should all be conducted within a month. If a position needs to be filled before the following semester, a full board meeting should be held to delegate the division of responsibilities to all board members until a new board member is selected. Applications should be made available to the general body as soon as possible, with subsequent interviews and selection of replacements.

## **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

### **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

A final meeting for the elected board and advisor will be called to make final decisions and to contact the University for necessary steps. Also, the chapter shall be dissolved if there are less than 3 officer positions filled for the semester or if the chapter is not able to successfully carry out at least 1 volunteer event or fundraising event per semester.

**Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts**

If there are outstanding debts, the assets will be sold to pay off debts. If more money is needed to get out of debt, a final fundraiser will take place to raise funds. Members may be asked to help pay off remaining balance. If there are leftover funds/assets, all members and officers will vote on a charity to donate it to.

**ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**Section A. Amendment Process**

An amendment to the constitution can be proposed by a board member where at least 3 of the 4 board members (Advisor, President, Vice-president, Treasurer) must vote in favor for the amendment to take place.