

# CONSTITUTION

RULES AND PRIVILEGES OF

THE ROSARY SOCIETY

AND

CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

## INTRODUCTION

Rosary Society has been a part of the Silver Lake Catholic Churches since 1889. The Church of St. Adalbert became affiliated with the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary May 8, 1938. The Rosary Society has been active in the St. Joseph Church since the year 1895. The two churches combined and took the name Church of the Holy Family. The Rosary Societies were combined on May 1, 1992.

Every succeeding Pastor of the parish of Holy Family, Silver Lake Minnesota has all the faculties to receive new members into the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, bless rosaries, medals and badges with the Dominican formula, and attach to them all the indulgences granted by the church.

The requirements of this society are: that the name of each member be inscribed in the official Register Society (*treasurers book*), that each member pay regular the assessed dues and that they try to obtain new members.

The Rosary Society is a sodality which remains under the protectorate of the Dominican Order, whose members obligate themselves to recite the *20 mysteries* of the rosary once a week. The founder of the Confraternity is St. Dominic, who at the request of the Blessed Virgin, introduced and established the prayer of the Most Holy Rosary. Each member in good standing of the Holy Rosary Confraternity share in the prayers, good works, and Masses of the society throughout the world. Each member gains extraordinary Indulgences, applicable to the souls in purgatory. Each member shares in the prayers and Masses of the priest(s) of our parish for the interest you take in the Rosary Society.

Amended 10-2013

**ARTICLE I**  
**CONSTITUTION, RULES AND PRIVILEGES**

1. The name of the organization is CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY.
2. The society is composed of 20 units, denoting the 20 mysteries of the rosary.
3. The organization shall hold regular meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president as needed.

**ARTICLE II**  
**THE AIM OF THE SOCIETY**

1. A special devotion to the Blessed Virgin.
2. Love and unity among the individual members.
3. Frequent reception of the sacraments.
4. The recitation of the Holy Rosary.
5. To help in the needs of the Altar and the church.

**ARTICLE III**  
**ORGANIZATION**

1. The Rosary Society is composed of members:
  - a. Who are members of the Roman Catholic Church.
  - b. Who are of good character and practicing Catholics.
2. Each member is entitled to wear a society badge. The badge will be given at the time of installation. Each year at the September meeting the members will set the cost of the badge
  - a. Society badges will be paid for by the Society and given to the new member at installation. New members will be encouraged to help defray the cost of the badge with a donation to the Society. If badge is lost or needs to be replaced member is responsible to purchase a new badge at full cost.
3. Each member pays annual dues of \$3.00.
4. One fundraiser will be held each year.

## **ARTICLE IV BADGES**

1. The badge of the society is a ribbon.  
Older version with medal of Blessed Virgin and St. Dominic.
2. The badge is to be used:
  - a. On days of the reception of the Holy Communion in a body.
  - b. In processions.
  - c. At funerals of Rosary Society members.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

1. The officers are president, vice president, secretary, and treasure.
2. The chaplain of the rosary society is the local pastor.
3. The officers of the rosary society are nominated and elected by the members. New officers will assume duties January 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. The president and vice president will each serve a term of one year. The vice president will automatically succeed the president. The Secretary and the treasurer will each have a term of two years and are elected in alternate years.
5. No officer shall be elected for more than one term in succession.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

### **THE PRESIDENT:**

1. Presides at all meetings of the society, both regular and special.
2. Call a special meeting when necessary.
3. Appoint the prefect of each unit.
4. Delegates duties to the prefect (for that group's participation) each month. These duties may include:

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**ARTICLE VI (continued)**  
**DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

- a. Lead the rosary the first Sunday of the month at the designated mass.
  - b. Lead the rosary at the time designated when the death of a member occurs.
  - c. Provide flowers for the altar when needed.
  - d. Clean and repair servers' vestments, when needed.
5. The President shall appoint a membership committee to recruit new members and a nominating committee for new officers.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. Presides at all meetings in the absence of the president.
2. In case of the death of the president, of or a very serious reason, he/she takes over the office of the president.
3. Automatically succeeds president following her term.

**THE SECRETARY:**

1. Enters all names of members into the Official Register.
2. Marks names of deceased members in the Official Register.
3. Keeps the minutes of the meetings of the society.

**THE TREASURER:**

1. Collects all dues and assessments, and deposits the money in the name of the society.
2. Pays out all accounts passed on by the society.
3. Gives an account of financial status at the meetings.
4. Treasurer will pay for Masses at the time of member's death.

**THE PREFECT OF UNITS:**

1. Perform all duties delegated by the president.
2. Encourage all of the members to participate in the fulfillment of their duties.

## ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

All members are encouraged to:

1. Recite the 20 mysteries of the rosary each and every week.
2. Receive Holy Communion in a body four times a year.
  - a. During the Corpus Christi Mass.
  - b. On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.
  - c. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.
  - d. On the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.
3. Recite, in a body, the rosary and other prayers first Sunday of each month.
  - a. Receive communion in a body on the first Sunday of each month.
4. Encourage members and their families to frequently receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion.
5. Appear with the badge at funeral of members.
6. Pay dues annually. If dues had not been paid for after 3 years the membership will be lapsed. Notification will be given to the member that their membership privileges have lapsed and that to be reinstated the past dues must be paid as well as the current year dues.
7. Members will be encouraged to attend all meetings.
8. Visit the sick, cheer them up, give needed help and recite the rosary with them.
9. Participate in the group activities and lead a good Catholic life.
10. Make use of the badge when going to Holy Communion as a body and in processions.
11. Recite the rosary as a body at a members wake.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**PRIVILEGES OF THE SOCIETY**

1. The society will ask and pay for the intention of a Holy Mass, when its members receive Holy Communion as a body on 1.) Corpus Christi, 2.) Feast of the Assumption-Aug. 15, 3.) Feast of the Rosary-Oct.7, 4.) Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Dec. 8. The Mass intention will be for living and deceased members of the Society.
2. The society will give for the repose of a deceased member, four masses after they have been a member for at least five years. If they have been a member for less than five years, the society will give for two Masses.
3. In the case of the death of a member, if dues have not been paid for 3 years or more the family of the member will have the opportunity to pay for the past dues and membership privileges will be reinstated.
4. The society shares in the Masses, prayers, good works, and indulgences of the whole Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary and the Dominican Order.
5. New members shall be installed on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**HONORARY MEMBER/S**

1. Member must be current in dues and have full membership privileges to be entitled to become an Honorary Member.
2. Member is entitled to be an Honorary Member for a medical reason at any age that would prevent member from performing their assigned duties. Member is responsible to inform the President of their intention.
3. Honorary Member are to pay dues, but is not required to participate in any duties.
4. Rosary Society will take care of dues for Honorary Members who are not mentally capable of paying their dues.
5. Honorary Member is still entitled to all membership privileges.

**ARTICLE X  
INDULGENCES**

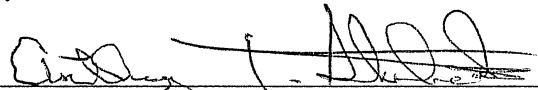
1. The Catholic Church grants many indulgences for the faithful performance of the duties of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

**ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS**

Amendment and correction to the Constitution and Rules of the Rosary Society may be proposed at the regular meetings. They must be passed by a majority vote. Before the amendment or correction goes into effect; it must have the approval of the pastor.

On this date February 4, 2014 these amendments to the constitution have been approved by:

Rev. Fr. Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

  
(Signature)

