

## **By-Laws Committee Report**

**Members: Fr. Steven, Tom Eisenmann, John Kruchok (chair), Susan Papademetris**

The following by-law change submissions were submitted to the parish council for consideration on 1/11/21. The parish council recommends adoption of the proposed changes. *(For adoption an amendment requires a 2/3 vote of the voting membership present at the time of the vote.)*

### **ARTICLE III - PARISH MEMBERSHIP, Section B - Voting Members**

Presently reads:

"Voting membership shall be the 'normal and regular' condition of adult parish membership.

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1. The person must be a communal member of the Church, participating at least annually in the Mysteries of the Holy Confession and Communion in this parish, during Great Lent, although more frequent reception of the Holy Mysteries of Christ is encouraged.
2. The person must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. The person shall financially support the life of the Church.
  - a) the person shall fulfill all financial obligations to the National Church, and to the Diocese of New England.
  - b) the person shall fulfill all parish basic commitment (dues) requirements and assessments as established at regular and special general parish meetings.
  - c) student members are required to fulfill fifty percent (50%) of the established dues obligations; naturally they may choose to fulfill the entire obligation.
  - d) In the case of financial inability, or in exceptional cases, requests for exemptions to parish financial requirements are to be made through the rector or council president. The total number of exemptions shall be reported to the parish council in order that the quorum for the annual parish meeting might be determined."

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3. The person shall financially support the life of the Church.
  - a) the person shall annually declare their intention to be a member of the parish by submitting a stewardship pledge and making a good-faith endeavor to fulfill the pledge by the end of the calendar year, recognizing that the parish is responsible for fulfilling our financial obligations to the National Church and Diocese of New England before any pledge amounts can be used to support our parish operating expenses.
  - b) a pledge is a good faith statement to the parish. In the event a financial pledge cannot be met in its entirety by the end of the calendar year, the person shall remain a voting member for the following year.

### **ARTICLE V: THE PARISH COUNCIL, Section G, Duties of Council Members**

#4 Treasurer

Presently reads:(4th line)

"Provide for a record of payment on pledges, dues, assessments and contributions"

**BE AMENDED TO READ:** (4th line)

**"Provide for a record of payment on pledges and other contributions."**