

Catholic Community at Tufts

Constitution

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Article 1. Mission Statement

- Section 1. The purpose of the Catholic Community at Tufts is to provide a spiritual resource for Catholic members of the Tufts Community, to promote friendship and fellowship among its members and to reach out to the surrounding community.

Article 2. Eligibility

- Section 1. General membership is open to any member of the Tufts Community who has paid the Student Activities Fee.
- Section 2. Students wishing to hold executive positions must be active members in a Catholic community.

Article 3. Meetings

- Section 1. Meetings are held weekly throughout the academic year.
- Section 2. All members of the Tufts Community may attend meetings.

Article 4. Elections / Voting / Ties

- Section 1. Elections to the Catholic Community at Tufts' Student Executive Board are to be held at the second-to-last meeting of the academic year.
- Section 2. In the case of an office becoming vacant during the year, elections will be held two weeks from the meeting at which the vacancy becomes known.
- Section 3. Anyone may vote in elections for executive positions of the Catholic Community at Tufts.
- Section 4. Officers will be elected by a simple majority of all voting members present.
- Section 5. Voting rights for proposals, amendments, and impeachments are determined as follows:
- A. A voting member of the executive board is one who has attended two-thirds of all Catholic Community at Tufts meetings.
 - B. A general voting member is any member of the Tufts Community who has attended one-half of all Catholic Community at Tufts meetings.
 - C. A member who has taken a leave of absence from Tufts University may vote in all elections as long as they have been kept informed of the current situation.
- Section 6. The President(s) will determine the outcome of a vote in the event that a tie is reached.

Article 5. Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The Executive Board of the Catholic Community at Tufts shall consist of the following officers: President or Co-Presidents, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Community Service/Outreach Coordinator, Social Activities Coordinators, and Spiritual Activities Coordinator.
- Section 2.
- A. The Social Activities Coordinator position will always be filled by two people.
 - B. Any other executive position will be held by no more than two people.
- Section 3. The duties of the President are as follows:
- C. To preside over meetings,
 - D. To assume the authority to speak to and act on behalf of the Catholic Community at Tufts when necessary,
 - E. To oversee all Catholic Community at Tufts activities.
- Section 4. The duties of the Vice-President are as follows:
- A. To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence,
 - B. To assist the other executive board members in carrying out their duties.
- Section 5. The duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

- A. To keep complete and accurate financial records for the Catholic Community at Tufts,
 - B. To be responsible for the preparation of the Catholic Community at Tufts' budget in February of each year.
- Section 6. The duties of the Secretary are as follows:
- A. To keep minutes of Catholic Community at Tufts Executive Board meetings,
 - B. To maintain a list of active members of the Catholic Community at Tufts,
 - C. To maintain a correspondence list of members of the Catholic Community at Tufts.
- Section 7. The duties of the Outreach Coordinator are as follows:
- A. To initiate charitable activities,
 - B. To locate and/or initiate communication with people and organizations on and off-campus in order to promote community service/outreach.
- Section 8. The duties of the Social Activities Coordinators are as follows:
- A. To organize activities which promote a sense of community within the Catholic Community at Tufts and the entire Tufts Community,
- Section 9. The duties of the Spiritual Activities Coordinator are as follows:
- A. To schedule activities that provide for the spiritual lives of members of the Catholic Community at Tufts in line with teachings of the Catholic Church.
 - B. To be responsible for sending a representative from the Catholic Community at Tufts to Tufts Religious Union for Cooperation and Ecumenism (TRUCE) activities and meetings.

Article 6. Amendments

- Section 1. Any member of the Catholic Community at Tufts may propose an amendment to this Constitution at any meeting.
- Section 2. An amendment vote will be held one week from the date of the proposal.
- Section 3. A simple majority of those eligible to vote is necessary for an amendment to pass.
- Section 4. All amendments must be in compliance with and be approved by the Tufts Community Union Judiciary (TCUJ).

Article 7. Impeachment

- Section 1. Any officer who publicly expresses dissent of fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church, violates the Constitution of the Catholic Community at Tufts, or violates the Tufts Student Disciplinary System in a manner that affects the Catholic Community at Tufts will be subject to an impeachment vote. A three-fourths majority of the Community is required to impeach an officer. If impeached, the officer may appeal to the Tufts Community Union Judiciary.

Article 8. Constitution Updates

- Section 1. An updated Constitution takes effect at the time of the next officer election.