

STATUTES AND BYLAWS
NATIONAL CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES

PREAMBLE

In the Name of the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

The NCACUS declares and establishes these Statutes and Bylaws to record, preserve, and perpetuate the principles of our sacred Christian faith. Our Constitution declares our God-ordained purpose and Statement of Faith. Our Bylaws declare our commitment to govern the church with excellence, integrity, and in the message of the Gospels.

ARTICLE I Name and Principal Office

The name of the Corporation is *National Catholic Apostolic Church in the United States*. This Corporation will be further referred to with the acronym "NCACUS".

1-The Church was established in February 2003 at 1406 Coolidge Steet in the state of Florida and currently maintains its principal office at: 4300-19F North Ocean Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

2-The Primatial Council shall have full power and authority to change the principal office from one location to another by adopting a resolution.

3-The Secretary of the Corporation shall record any change of this location on these Bylaws, or this ARTICLE may be amended to state the new location.

ARTICLE II Purpose of NCACUS

The purpose of our Church is to glorify God, edify believers, and reach people for Jesus Christ. To do this, we must function according to clear guidelines established in the Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition and the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We believe in a great commitment to the great commandment and the great commission.

NCACUS is known for:

WORSHIP- To participate in public worship services together and to offer to all baptized Christians the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To maintain personal daily devotions. (John 6:53-56) (John 4:24)

EVANGELISM - To share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ with the whole world, transforming lives through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY / MISSIONS - To serve unselfishly in meeting the physical emotional, and spiritual needs of those in need, and to meet and address the spiritual needs of NCACUS and in the world.

DISCIPLESHIP - To help members develop toward a full Christian maturity and train them for effective ministry. To promote personal, spiritual growth and discipleship through teaching of Holy Scripture and Sacred Traditions

FELLOWSHIP - To encourage, support and pray for each other as members of the family of God. To share our lives together. The Church also seeks to benefit everyone in the World by providing opportunities for spiritual, physical, intellectual, social, and cultural development. In addition to what is stated above, we will also include, but not limit our scope to the following: honor and glorifying God. To establish and maintain a solid testimony in each of our communities, impact lives by creatively communicating the truth of God's Word, equip and empower God's people for the work of the ministry, conduct church services, offering the seven sacraments of the Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Penance), Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage and Holy Orders, also with seminars, conferences, commit to the following key elements: love, care, prayer, unity, excellence, and engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with federal and state laws. NCACUS is also organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes consistent with federal and state laws of the United States.

ARTICLE III Mission Statement and Core Values

1- OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To learn together from God's Word how to reach and transform people into dynamic Christians who impact their world for Jesus Christ. As a people of faith, NCACUS, will minister and serve the spiritual needs of all people in the family of faith that has been placed into our care. Listening enough to care and caring enough to listen. We will offer words that heal, words that help, and words that encourage.

We will invite others to come and share their gifts and talents with us, as we share ours with them, expressing God's Love through our love for one another.

2- OUR CORE VALUES

1- We will be obedient to God and His Word regardless of the cost.

2- God, Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition are the real keys to transforming people's lives. We are here as faithful witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. We are here to serve Him in any way that we can for His glory. Our Biblical message and ministries must be carried out in a relevant way.

3- All people we meet must be treated gently and respectfully.

4- Believers must be connected into a loving and caring Church family.

5- Every Christian has a God-given spiritual gift.

6- Everything we do for Jesus Christ must be done with excellence.

7- Our church must have a positive impact and testimony in our community.

8- All human beings are children of God.

9- We are a caring people and a people of prayer.

10- By God's grace, these core values will shape NCACUS and enable and accomplish our mission.

ARTICLE IV Statement of Faith

A-THE EUCHARIST

1-At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of his Body and Blood. He did so to perpetuate the Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until His Second Coming, and to entrust his beloved bride, the Church a memorial of his Passion, Death and Resurrection: A sacrament of unconditional love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, and a Paschal banquet where all peoples are fed.

2-The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and pastoral works, are rooted in the Holy Eucharist and are oriented towards it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ Himself, our Paschal food.

3-The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being.

4-It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

5-Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life when God will be all in all. The Eucharist is the culmination of our faith.

B-THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

We believe that the Bible is God's written revelation to and thus the books of the Bible given to us by the Holy Spirit constitute the plenary (inspired equally in all parts) Word of God. We believe that the Bible constitutes the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We believe that God spoke in His written Word by a process of dual authorship.

C-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRADITION AND SCRIPTURE

Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. For both, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own always, to the close of the age.

Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.

D- THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE SACRAMENTS

The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the Sacraments. These are the seven Sacraments of the Church:

Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation (also known as Penance), Holy Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church. They are the visible signs of God's everlasting graces.

ARTICLE V Affiliations

NCACUS is an autonomous and independent of any external authority.

It is the responsibility of the Primate to consider and screen any potential affiliations with NCACUS prayerfully and carefully. Any affiliation with NCACUS must meet our criteria's and adhere to our demands and rules.

Any of the affiliations with NCACUS must adhere to the following:

- 1- Fully recognize that NCACUS is autonomous, and independent of any external authority or control, with the right of self-government and freedom from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organization outside NCACUS.
- 2- To be in agreement with our statements of faith.
- 3- Grant our church the grace to remove itself without penalty of any kind should the leadership of NCACUS deem it necessary to remove our affiliation for any reason.

ARTICLE VI Membership

Membership in this Church shall consist of all persons who have met the qualifications for membership and are listed on the membership rolls.

Qualifications for membership.

There shall be four qualifications for membership in NCACUS.

- 1- A personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2- Be a Baptized Christian and believe that Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life. Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water.
- 3- Completion of one of the Church's membership classes, courses, or workshops.
- 4- A commitment to abide by the Membership Covenant.

- 5- Agreement with this church's statements, strategy, and structure, including the Canons of NCACUS.

ARTICLE VII Pastoral Team

1-Establishment and Makeup of the Primatial Council

- 1- As NCACUS grows, we will add new staff, including additional Pastoral Staff. There shall be a Primatial Council, which shall be comprised of the Primate, the Bishops, the Chancellors, and the Episcopal Vicars of the Vicariates. The Primate alone, in his discretion from time to time shall determine the number and identity of such Clergy, as well as the various responsibilities of such Clergy. The Primate shall retain the authority and discretion to remove any member of the Primatial Council for any cause deemed sufficient by the Primate.
- 2- Authority and accountability of the Primate. The Primate shall have total oversight of the operations of the NCACUS and shall have the authority to take all actions that are necessary and proper to exercise his oversight responsibilities within the Articles of Incorporation within these Bylaws and the Canons of NCACUS.
- 3- Among other things, the Primate shall have the authority to add and remove officers of the Primatial Council.
- 4- The Primate will serve on the Primatial Council as Moderator. However, he will not have a vote on all matters unless they represent a clear conflict of interest. It would be in the best interest for the cause of Christ, the Primate, and his Council, that the leadership commits to uphold the highest ethical and moral standards of integrity, character, and accountability.
- 5- We believe that our Primate must preach and teach the Word of God as it is prescribed in the Gospels.

2- General Corporate Powers

Subject to the provisions and limitations of the laws of the State of Florida and to any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or the Canons of NCACUS, activities, business and affairs of the Church shall be conducted, shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Primatial Council and its Primate.

3- Specific Powers

Without prejudice to the general powers set forth above, and subject to the same limitations, the Primate Council Specific Powers shall have the power to:

- a) provide financial counsel to the Primate.
- b) Determine the compensation of the Primate and employees of NCACUS.

4- Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Primatial Council may be held without notice.

5- Extraordinary Meetings

- a) Authority to call and Extraordinary Meeting.
- b) The Primate may call an extraordinary meeting for any purpose and at any time of the Primatial Council.
- c) Notice to the Primatial Council will be provided as follows: Email, WhatsApp or by means of cell phone.

6- Quorum

- 1) A majority of the members of the Primatial Council will constitute a quorum.
- 2) Every action or decision taken by the majority of the Primatial Council shall be an act of the primatial Council.

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