

EXHIBIT 1

POLICY ON USE OF ALCOHOL

The use of alcohol in our society has long been a source of controversy. On the one hand, as part of our many cultures for centuries, alcoholic beverages hold an honorable and welcome place in family life and community celebrations. Yet we all realize how easily alcoholic beverages can be abused, leading to great suffering because of the effects of dangerous addiction and the serious damage done under its influence.

In developing a policy on the serving of alcoholic beverages in the context of church-sponsored events, these values and these dangers must be carefully balanced.

Certainly we know that alcohol is not something evil. Christ our Savior gave us the Holy Eucharist, his living body and blood, under the forms of bread and wine. Catholics will always accept the basic goodness of alcohol as one of God's many gifts to us and may wish to use this gift in moderation in their own family circles.

However, because of the great amount of damage being caused by the abuse of alcohol in our present society, there is a pressing need to deal with it with special caution, and for the Church to set an example of using it responsibly. Many parishes in the Diocese have already adopted policies in this regard, deciding not to provide alcoholic beverages of any kind at parish functions. Every parish is asked to consider carefully whether such a policy may be the best course.

The following minimum regulations are binding on every parish, school and agency of the Diocese of Fort Worth at all functions which they sponsor in any way. These regulations take effect on July 1, 1993.

1. Selling alcoholic beverages: No alcoholic beverage will be sold at any function sponsored by a parish, school, or other agency of the Diocese, whether the function takes place on or off church property.
2. Serving alcoholic beverages: Beer and/or wine may be served at a function sponsored by a parish, school, or other agency of the Diocese, whether the function takes place on or off church property, provided it is served without charge and only if food is also served on that occasion.
3. Serving alcoholic beverages when facilities are being used by persons at a function not sponsored by a parish, school, or other agency of the Diocese: Beer and/or wine may be served, but only without charge at these functions, and only if food is also served.
4. When church facilities are used by persons at a function not sponsored by a parish, school, or other agency of the Diocese, they will be required to sign the

contract provided by the Diocese with the "hood harmless agreement specified in number 7.

Addendum to Alcohol Policy:

A. When serving a meal, a parish or school may serve wine or beer with the meal, and may have a brief social before the dinner at which wine and beer are served, even when tickets are sold for the event.

B. "Free will offerings" for alcoholic beverages at parish or school events are to be considered a sale, and are prohibited.

C. "BYOB" parties sponsored by parishes or school are not permissible when a charge is made for admission. This term usually refers to hard liquor. It is likewise not permitted to bring one's own beer or wine to a church or school event, where there is a charge made for admission.