

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AT ARCHDIOCESE FACILITIES

The Archdiocese of Louisville maintains status as a Non-For-Profit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The archdiocese, parishes, schools, agencies, and organizations included under this tax ruling may not participate or intervene in political campaigns on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for political office and the following restrictions must be strictly observed:

- 1) No direct or indirect statements, verbal or written, may be made supporting or opposing any candidate for public office.
- 2) Financial support may not be given to any candidate, political action committee, or political party. This includes: monetary donations, use or rental of facilities, volunteers, mailing lists, and solicitations on behalf of candidates, political action committees, or political parties.
- 3) Distribution of literature supporting or opposing a candidate is prohibited on archdiocesan, parish and school property, or as any part of your work activities.
- 4) Invitations and visits from incumbent officeholders or candidates to church or archdiocesan property may not be accepted during a political campaign.

This policy is not intended to limit your right to free speech, which may be exercised during nonworking hours with the understanding that any partisan conduct on your part is in no way on behalf of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Additional guidelines are found in Political Activity Letter-Catholic Conference of Kentucky which is located in the *Appendix – Personnel Sample Forms/Reports*.