Restrictions Regarding Casino Type Gambling In Institutions of the Diocese of Covington

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May 16, 2005

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October 22, 2008

- I. So called Casino type gambling, particularly the appearance of separate casino-like location within another activity by the gathering of gaming wheels, tables, etc. into one special area (other than what is required by the Kentucky Gaming Commission in order to prevent participation by minors) is prohibited. It is important not to identify gaming activity with names associated with places commonly recognized for casino style gaming activity.
- II. Allowable gaming activity establishes a strict ceiling, a maximum wager of \$5 for any one game. This maximum does not apply to the purchase of raffle tickets.
- III. Games easily identified with high profile casino-type activity such as Black Jack, Roulette Wheel, Craps, Keno, Baccarat, and single bet poker are not allowed as players in these single bet cash games can lose significant amounts of money in a short time.

a. "Big Card" poker, which is a traditional festival game, is allowed as long as the maximum wager of \$5

for any one game is to be observed.

- b. One special gaming event is allowed per year for a "No Rebuy Texas Holdem Elimination Tournament" for each Diocesan organization holding a special gaming permit from the Kentucky Gaming Commission. The event will have an entry fee maximum limit of \$100, including any late registration penalties. One "add on" of a maximum limit of \$10 is also allowed. Any consolation or side table games for participants not involved in, or knocked out of, the main tournaments with a maximum entry fee of \$20. No single bet cash games of Texas Holdem will be allowed at these events or at any other event held by a Diocesan organization. Tournament style poker has a one time entry fee that allows participants in the event to know how much of a donation one will make. Single bet cash games lend themselves to participants spending above an intended amount. All players will at all times make all wagers and bets with poker style chips and at no time will cash be used to place a wager or bet
- IV. Some traditional festival gaming activities such as Spin Wheels, Big Six, Chuck-a-Luck, Mail Envelopes, and Pull-Tabs, are permitted so long as the maximum \$5 ceiling per game is kept. There shall not be escalation or large multiplication of such gaming activities as have been commonly offered as a form of recreation and entertainment.
- V. In general, dependence on gaming activities at festivals or fundraisers ought to be reduced in keeping with the Diocesan move toward stewardship.
- VI. All provisions of state law are to be followed exactly.
- VII. This policy, originally enacted May 22, 1997, amended May 16, 2005, and now again amended, is to be effective upon the written approval of the Bishop of Covington, and its date of implementation is immediate upon publication.

The above proposal is hereby approved. I direct its implementation.

Most Reverend Roger J. Fbys, D.I

Bishop of Covington

10/22/08 Date