

Navigating the Independent Non-Profit Path Catholic Women's Guild

This option may result in disbanding a 73-year
relationship with OLPH Church

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Introduction



This presentation is an overview of:

Transitioning the Women's Guild to an independent non-profit organization calling attention to:

- 1.) Benefits of forming an independent 501 (c) (3) organization
and
- 2.) Identifying the pros and cons associated with operating an independent non-profit organization.

Why Choose An Independent Non-Profit?

- Control of Finances
- Registered 501 (c) (3) status
- Reimage the Catholic Women's Guild
- Explore opportunities to solicit donations
- No Archdiocese or Parish oversight



Risks & Losses



- Not an OLPH ministry
- Separation from OLPH Church
- The Guild cannot use “Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church” as part of its fixed name
- Possible restriction of using the OLPH icon
- Restricted use of church facilities
- Guild link to church website & email may be discontinued

Risks & Losses

(con't)



- Loss of 73 years of Guild legacy
- May not be able to post notices in the church bulletin
- Unsustainable leadership
- Membership & Volunteer Retention
- Volunteer Burnout
- Uncertainty of sustaining Scholarship, Community Grant and Christmas Adopt-A-Family Programs

Risks & Losses

- Transition Period
- Public Relations and Marketing

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Non-Profit Failure Stats

- The #1 reason small, non-profit organizations fail within five years is lack of money.
- The National Center of Charitable Statistics cites a failure rate over 30% within the first ten years.

Financial Reporting

- Federal & State Income Tax
- Comply with Government Non-Profit Regulations



Professional Fees

- Attorney for Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws
- State Filing Fees
- Registered Agent
- Charity Registration
- IRS 501 (c) (3) Qualifying Fee
- Professional & Liability Insurance
- CPA



Operational Costs

- Storage Unit Rental
- P.O. Box Rental
- Website: Set Up & Maintenance
- Facility Rental
 - Executive Committee Meetings
 - General Meetings
 - Special Events



Start Up Cost*



- Projected First Year Cost

\$10,000.00

*cost estimated and subject to change

Income Streams



- Substantial increase in membership fees
- Membership Recruitment Campaign
- Increase General Meeting fees
- Undertake additional fundraising projects:
 - Increase Number of Events
 - Private Donor Donations
 - Secure Grant Funding
 - Estate Planning Program
- Active Volunteer force to develop & implement income streams

Conclusion



Your leadership team is confident that together we can evaluate the pros and cons of:

1.) choosing to remain under the control of the Archdiocese and oversight of the OLPH pastor and/or administrator

or

2.) select the independent, non-profit status and chart a new course for the Catholic Women's Guild

Give Thanks
in all circumstances

1 Thessalonians 2:13