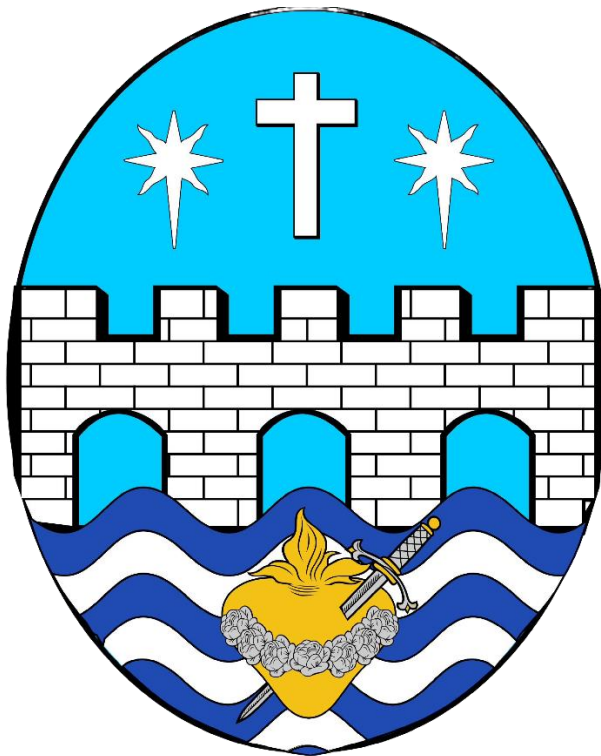


**The Morning Star Guild**  
**A Public Association of the Christian Faithful**

**Statutes**



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**Article I: Name**

The public association of the Christian faithful described herein is known as **the *Morning Star Guild***.

**Article II: Guild Home**

The Morning Star Guild will reside at: TO BE DETERMINED

**Article III: Spiritual Mission**

The Morning Star Guild exists to encourage faithful Catholics to foster a deeper and more profound devotion to Our Lady.

More specifically, the Morning Star Guild has the following two spiritual objectives:

1. To support the ongoing spiritual, pastoral and theological formation of those who choose to foster a deeper and more profound devotion to Our Lady.
2. Members of the Guild will endeavor to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

**Article IV: Membership**

1. The five spiritual requirements of each Guild member are:
  - a. To pray the Guild prayer each day.
  - b. To pray a decade of the Rosary daily and one full Rosary a week
  - c. To attend two annual gatherings dedicated to prayer, theological formation and faith sharing.
  - d. To attend the annual retreat day and Guild Mass.
  - e. Attend periodic gatherings for prayer and reflection.
2. Membership in the Morning Star Guild is spiritual in nature and open to all faithful Catholics who are in union with the Church and who desire to foster deeper devotion to Our Lady as our Mother in the order of grace.

3. Membership is granted by applying to become a Guild member and being installed at the Annual Guild Mass after mutual discernment with the Guild Director or an instituted member of the Guild and going through initial formation.
4. Member is voluntary and members' names are kept on file at the Catholic Center.
5. Membership in the Morning Star Guild is yearly in nature and must be renewed on an annual basis at the annual Guild Mass.
6. There are two ways to withdraw from the Morning Star Guild:
  - a. Send a letter or email to the Director of Guilds declaring withdrawal from the Guild;
  - b. Choosing not to recommit to the Guild at the annual Guild Mass
7. The Bishop has the right to remove any persons from Guild membership with or without just cause.

#### **Article V: Commitments**

1. To achieve its spiritual mission, the Morning Star Guild encourages members to grow in personal, radical holiness through the following means:
  - b. Daily personal prayer, especially offering the Guild prayer and a decade of the Rosary each day (cf. Appendix A),
  - c. (Re)Consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady
  - d. Fostering a personal love for God the Father, for Jesus Christ and commitment to Him as Lord, and a personal openness to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and openness to all His gifts,
  - e. Frequently participate in the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, especially attendance at Sunday Mass,
  - f. To live a deep love for and loyalty to the Catholic Church and her teachings, as expressed through the Church's Magisterium authority, which includes the Pope and the bishops in communion with him, and serve as guides in matters of faith and morals,
  - g. To foster a personal love for and devotion to Mary as mother and model of all Christians,
  - h. Whenever possible, to attend periodic gatherings sponsored by the Guild, that will foster community among its members and provide opportunities for ongoing spiritual and professional formation.

## Article VI: Guild Chapters

1. When sufficient membership allows, local or regional Guild Chapters can be created by the Council of Advisors.
2. Guild Chapter Structure: each Chapter will have a coordinator to plan and administer periodic meetings as needed for spiritual accompaniment, prayer, and fellowship.

## Article VII – Governance

1. Moderator
  - a. The Guild will have a Moderator who will help oversee the direction and governance of the Guild.
  - b. The Moderator will be appointed by the diocesan Bishop. The Moderator can also be the diocesan Bishop.
  - c. The Moderator cannot serve as both Moderator and Chaplain.
  - d. The Moderator must be a cleric.
  - e. Patrimony and management of Guild funds will be the responsibility of the Moderator in collaboration with the Director of Guilds.
2. Council of Advisors
  - a. The Morning Star Guild is governed by a Council of Advisors, composed of eight to fifteen members who are appointed, in consultation with the Director of Diocesan Guilds, by the diocesan bishop for a term of three years.
  - b. There are no consecutive term limits for the members who serve on the Council. The diocesan bishop will decide who will be reappointed when a term ends.
  - c. The bishop reserves the right to remove members from the Council without cause.
3. The Council of Advisors is responsible for:
  - a. Overseeing the spiritual mission and life of the Guild and providing an annual report to the bishop,
  - b. Recruiting new members and hosting periodic social and formative events,
  - c. Helping to organize the Annual Mass and Retreat and recruiting a speaker,
  - d. Helping to organize the Annual Formational Gatherings and recruiting a speaker,
  - e. Collaborating with the bishop on the progress of the Guild,
  - f. Meet on a quarterly basis to review the needs of its members, plan events and discuss ideas to grow the objectives and benefits of the Guild.

4. Guild Chaplain
  - a. The diocesan Bishop can serve as and/or appoint a priest to serve as the chaplain of the Guild.
  - b. His responsibilities include:
    - i. Work with the Diocesan Director and the Council of Advisors to ensure the spiritual mission of the Guild is maintained,
    - ii. Attend the Annual Mass and Retreat Gathering
    - iii. Attend the annual formation gatherings
    - iv. Be available to spiritually assist individual Guild members, and Guild prayer/reflection events whenever possible.

#### **Article VIII: Promulgation of Statutes**

These Statutes will be promulgated by a canonical decree to be signed by the Bishop. They remain in effect, once promulgated, unless revoked or amended by the Bishop.

## Appendix A

### **Morning Star Guild Prayer (Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a repentant sinner, renew and ratify today in your hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism. I renounce Satan and resolve to follow Jesus Christ even more closely than before.

Mary, I give you my heart. Please set it on fire with love for Jesus. Make it always attentive to his burning thirst for love and for souls. Keep my heart in your most pure Heart, that I may love Jesus and the members of his Body with your own perfect love.

Mary I entrust myself totally to you: my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions. Please make of me, of all that I am and have, whatever most pleases you. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. If I fall, please lead me back to Jesus. Wash me in the blood and water that flow from his pierced side, and help me never to lose my trust in this fountain of love and mercy.

With you, O Immaculate Mother – you who always do the will of God – I unite myself to the perfect consecration of Jesus as he offers himself in the Spirit to the Father for the life of the world.

Amen.