

## ***Article I. Name***

This organization shall be known as the St. Pius X Ladies Society.

## ***Article II. Objectives***

This Society shall have as it's objectives:

1. To provide a medium through which women are united in God's work, His will and personal sanctification of the members dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and under the patronage of St. Pius X.
2. To serve as a unifying agency for all parochial activities associated with the power and influence of the women of this parish.
3. To have authorized representation in Deanery, State and National Affairs of the National Council of Catholic Women

## ***Article III. Membership***

### ***Section A. Membership***

Membership shall be open to all women registered in St. Pius X Parish through affiliation in the individual groups known as circles; each dedicated to a Saint. Each circle head shall be known as a Hostess and shall coordinate the activities of the circle.

### ***Section B. Financing.***

Dues shall be \$5.00 per member, due and payable by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Article IV. Officers***

### ***Section A. Officers***

1. Composition. Officers of the St. Pius X Ladies Society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Nominations: A nominating committee shall be elected at the January General Meeting. The committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The Immediate Past President shall serve as chairman and four (4) members shall be elected from the floor. No nomination shall be made without the consent of the nominee.
3. ELECTIONS
  - a. Officers shall be elected at the General Meeting in April, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. No nominations shall be made from the floor without the consent of the nominee.

Officers shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until a successor is elected. New officers shall be installed at the May General meeting and their term of office shall begin June 1. No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

- b. Election shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall elect. If there is but one nominee for any office, a voice vote may be taken.

#### 4. VACANCIES

Vacancies in any elective office or an appointed Standing Commission/Committee Chairman shall be filled by the Executive Board.

#### 5. FORFEITURE OF OFFICE

Any officer absent from three (3) Board or General Meetings in succession, unless excused by the President, shall forfeit her office.

#### 6. MODERATOR

The Pastor shall serve as moderator of the Ladies Society and shall have the right to veto all matters concerning religion, morals, policies and disciplines set-up by the Society.

#### 7. CIRCLES

Each circle shall elect a hostess and co-hostess in April to be installed at the May Meeting.

### ***Section B. Duties of Elected Officers***

1. The President shall preside at all meetings and be an ex-officio member of all commissions/committees except the nominating committee. She shall perform other duties as pertaining to her office.
2. The Vice President in the absence of the President, shall assume the duties of the President. Coordinates the monthly guest speakers and hostess/co-hostess tea. She shall perform other duties as pertaining to her office.
3. The Secretary's duties shall include the minutes, circle packets and the Martha Jo Kerr Award. She shall perform other duties as pertaining to her office.
4. The Treasurer's duties shall include the finances, and the monthly raffle. She shall perform other duties as pertaining to her office.

### ***Article V. MEETINGS***

The General Meeting of the Ladies Society shall be held in accordance with provisions outlined in the "Standing Rules"

## **Article VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Section A. Board of Directors**

1. The government of the Ladies Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors comprised of the Pastor, the four (4) elected officers, the chairperson of each Standing Commission/Committee.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet in accordance with provisions outlined in the Standing Rules.
3. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be seven (7)

### **Section B. Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee, with power to act in emergencies shall consist of the Pastor and the four (4) elected officers.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet according to necessity.
3. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be three (3).

## **Article VII. STANDING COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

### **Section A. COMPOSITION**

The Standing Commissions/ Committees shall be:

1. Altar Committee
2. Church Commission
3. Community/Family Affairs
4. Education Committee
5. Deanery Delegate
6. Organizational Committee
7. Budget Committee

### **Section B. DUTIES**

Duties of Standing Commissions/Committees:

1. Altar Committee: Baptismal robes, cleaning and oiling of pews, weekly church cleaning and other duties that may be required or assigned.
2. Church Commission: Church Women United, Monthly Prayer, Notice of Retreats, and other duties that may be required or assigned.

3. Community/Family Affairs: Coordinates monthly charity donations and other duties that may be required or assigned.
4. Education Committee: Liaison between Parochial School, CCD, PTO, and SPX Alumni Association and other duties that may be required or assigned.
5. Deanery Delegate: Attend Deanery meetings, report to Board and General Meetings, Alms and Works of Peace, and other duties that may be required or assigned.
6. Organizational Committee: Coordinates setup/cleanup for Monthly Meetings, Communion Breakfast, Receptions, Hostess/Co-Hostess Tea, and other duties that may be required or assigned.
7. Budget Committee: Coordinates, with the cooperation of the Treasurer, the formulation of an annual budget for the Ladies Society and other duties that may be required or assigned.

### ***Section C. SPECIAL COMMITTEES***

Special Committees shall be created and appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee, according to the needs of the Ladies Society.

### ***Article VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY***

Rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply on all questions of procedure and Parliamentary Law not specified in these bylaws.

### ***Article IX. AMENDMENTS***

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting provided the amendment has been presented in writing to the pastor and included in the circle packet the meeting prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.

### ***Article X. Dissolution***

Upon dissolution or termination of St. Pius X Ladies Society, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or a corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

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ST. PIUS X LADIES SOCIETY  
STANDING RULES

1. The Board of Directors shall meet the last Wednesday of each month August through May, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.
2. The General Meeting of the Ladies Society shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month from September through May.
3. The Budget Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer and a member appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. The proposed budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the August Board meeting and then presented for adoption of the Membership at the September General meeting.
4. Expenses incurred as contained in the approved budget shall be paid by the Treasurer without additional approval.
5. The Executive Officers, Committee Chairs and Circle Hostesses/Co-hostesses shall pass on pertinent files to their successors by June 1 of each year.
6. The Martha Jo Kerr Award shall be presented annually to an outstanding woman in recognition of “faithful dedication to Catholic womanhood.”
7. The annual Hostess/Co-hostess tea shall be held in July each year.
8. The Pastor’s secretary shall be informed and the Priests invited to all Ladies Society meetings and functions.
9. These rules may be suspended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
10. These rules may be amended by the membership at a General Meeting by a majority vote with notice or by a 2/3 vote without notice.