

## **Gambling Policy**

Gambling is defined as participation in any game or activity where money or objects of value may be won by chance.

Gambling must not be a regular or frequent part of the activities of any congregation, school, or diocesan institution. Occasional special events or fundraisers that include bingo or a raffle are permissible, provided the value of any prize does not exceed the \$600 IRS reporting threshold.

This policy applies to any event or activity of a diocesan institution, congregation, or church-related entity such as a school, youth group, outreach ministry, and the like, regardless of the location of the event or activity.

All congregations, diocesan institutions, schools, and church-related entities must comply with this policy if any form of gambling is permitted at all.