

Gesu Parish Fundraising Policy

Overview

Gesu Parish is a very vibrant parish with a number of activities and organizations. Fundraising is a necessary activity of the parish, its ministries and organizations. Due to our vibrancy, the Gesu Finance Council and the Gesu Parish Council have implemented fundraising procedures. Fundraising needs to be carried out in a manner that is beneficial to the church and its parishioners. It should not be viewed as a requirement for providing funding for the ministries of our parish. The main support for these ministries should be through stewardship. This includes special envelopes in the pews or mailed envelope packages, solicitations of food, clothing, or other items for charities sponsored by Gesu. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that parish resources are directed toward the areas of greatest need and that the number and timing of fund raising projects do not conflict with one another.

Guidelines

1. All fundraising activities are to be conducted for the benefit of Gesu Parish, its ministries, organizations, or causes approved by Gesu. All fundraising must be sponsored by a Gesu ministry or organization. Fundraising should not be done to benefit non-sponsored organizations or for-profit entities. Organizations that in the past have routinely been given permission to request donations (e.g., Alhambra, Little Sisters of the Poor, Jerusalem Holy Land) may be allowed.
2. All fundraising requests are to be funneled through the Parish Business Manager at least 30 days in advance, approved by the Parish Staff, approved by the Gesu Finance Council, recommended to the Pastor, and placed on the parish calendar. The Parish Business Manager or Pastor can, at their discretion, especially due to timing, approve fundraising ideas at any time. The Parish Council President should be consulted on decisions that affect Doughnut Sundays.
3. Usually fundraisers should be short in duration, with solicitation not lasting more than two Sundays.
4. No individual or group may fundraise or sell tickets, candy, etc. for any personal interests, service projects, or interests of schools other than Gesu. (The parish might offer small donation to support an endeavor. Groups might be able to use the Gesu Bulletin as an avenue for their cause, even though they may not fund raise at Gesu).
5. School sponsored or parish sponsored fundraising by selling tickets, cookbooks, Entertainment books, etc. may be permitted.
6. Individuals or Gesu organizations that wish to raise money for a family struggling with financial problems may collect such donations on their own, but may not use Gesu as a means to raise these funds.