



## Social Media Rules

Mission Statement: Our Lady of the Assumption social media platforms are focused on PROMOTING the Word of God, EVANGELIZING our community and SHARING our faith stories.

Please bear in mind, these are social media platforms, not the parish itself!

We have a few rules to allow our social media to run smoothly:

1. Any content that is against the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church will be removed.
2. **Any comments you make should be informative and add value to the discussion. Be friendly, be fair and use common sense.**
3. Please do not advertise your business on the OLA social media platforms/groups. We are interested in your opinions and relevant information as per the social media rules.
4. All opinions will be treated with mutual respect, unless they violate the aforementioned rules. Treat your fellow OLA members with that same respect.
5. Do not post obscene, harassing, offensive, derogatory, defamatory, **\*\*trolling**, **\*cyberbullying**, or otherwise potentially scandalous comments, links, and/or images, or materials which could discredit or cause embarrassment to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles or its affiliates, employees, vendors, partners, agencies, schools, or others.
6. Please stick to the mission statement of our social media pages/platforms. Irrelevant content does not belong here.
7. In an effort to extend a welcoming environment on our platforms, **no political content will be allowed.**
8. Think before you post! What goes up can never really come down. Respect the privacy of others!
9. It is considered impolite to repost or draw attention to the fact that a group admin has deleted your comment/post.
10. OLA social media group admins are entitled to deny entry to any member they choose. They are also allowed to remove members that don't comply with house rules.
11. When you share attachments in the OLA groups, please ensure that your settings are on 'public' or no one will be able to see your attachment.
12. For any Parish related inquiries, please refer to our website address and telephone numbers on the cover photo or our website.

**\*Cyberbullying:** The use of social networks to repeatedly harm or harass other people in a deliberate manner. Cyberbullying could be limited to posting rumors or gossips about a person in the internet bringing about hatred in other's minds; or it may go to the extent of personally identifying victims and publishing materials severely defaming and humiliating them.

**\*\*Trolling:** Sowing discord in an online community by starting arguments or upsetting people, by posting inflammatory, extraneous, or off-topic messages with the deliberate intent of provoking readers into an emotional response.