

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AND DUTIES

Section 3. Standing Committees consist of parish members and a Chairperson elected by Committee members.

- A. Liturgy Committee: This body is responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating Parish prayer and worship in accordance with diocesan policies and directives. The priest's role as presider requires that a priest serve on the Liturgy Committee.
- B. Christian Formation Committee: This Committee is responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating Parish religious education according to the needs of the Parish and the wider community in accordance with educational policies of the Diocese of Richmond.
- C. Parish Life Committee: This body is responsible for promoting Christian community in the Parish. This includes consistent and planned efforts to strengthen relationships among all segments and individuals within the Parish in order to foster a truly hospitable atmosphere. The Committee' is particularly concerned about reaching out to new members and involving them in Parish activities. It ensures that an accurate membership census is maintained.
- D. Justice and Peace Committee: This Committee assesses and responds to the needs of the deprived, disabled, neglected, and oppressed in the Parish, in the civic community, and in the world at large. It promotes legislative advocacy, peacemaking, and other efforts to change social structures. With the Christian Formation Committee, it raises parishioners' awareness regarding the social dimensions of the Gospel, and enables them to witness to their convictions by participating in service activities.
- A. Ecumenism Committee: This committee is responsible cooperating with the Diocesan Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. In particular, the committee's charge is to foster and promote ecumenical activities within the parish as well as with the larger Christian community in pursuit of full "Christian Unity" and Interreligious understanding.
- E. Stewardship Committee: ~~This committee is responsible for developing programs and projects which will maximize the opportunities for members of the Parish to contribute time, talent and treasure to fulfill the Parish mission. The Pastor, in consultation with the Council, may initiate and assign specific stewardship projects or programs to this committee for implementation.~~