

## Groups, Associations and Movements

## Policy No. 1104

**Policy Statement:** In matters of faith and morals, groups, associations or movements are required to receive authorization from the Office of the Archbishop or his delegate to minister, or conduct programs and activities in the Archdiocese.

**Intent of Policy:** To ensure that the apostolate of a group, association or movement is conducted in line with Church teaching on faith and morals, and its actions are shepherded according to ecclesiastical discipline (c. 305).

**Definition:** A group, association or movement where clerics or lay persons, or clerics and lay persons together, strive in a common endeavour to foster a more perfect life, to promote Christian devotion or doctrine, or to exercise other works of evangelization, of piety or charity, and those apostolates which animate the temporal order with a Christian spirit. (c. 298 §1)

**Procedure:**

- a) Complete Appendix 1104A – Group, Association or Movement Information
- b) Ensure all standards for safe environment, abuse prevention and volunteer management are met or exceeded.  
  
Internet link: [Safe Environment & Abuse Prevention](#)
- c) Consult department of Pastoral and Parish Services for guidance.

**Exception:** None

**Refer to Policy:**  
No. 361 Volunteer Management  
No. 363 Day and Overnight Activities, Events and Excursions  
  
No. 233 Facility Usage

**Refer to Appendix:**  
1104A Group, Association or Movement Information  
  
233B Facility Usage Agreement (Template) Affiliated Ministry Group