## CONSTITUTION

# FOR THE DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL PAYNE, OHIO

## **ARTICLE I**

## Name and Purpose

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Divine Mercy Catholic School Advisory Council, Payne, Ohio.
- B. The purpose of the Council shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and Principal of Divine Mercy Catholic School on all matters pertaining to the school and other educational programs, in order to help the school fulfill its mission statement.

#### ARTICLE II

# Membership of the Council

- A. This Council will consist of the Pastor and Principal, and seven (7) additional members.
- B. Each council member shall serve a four (4) year term. Members shall not serve more than two (2) terms, and a second term cannot be served without having at least one year of non-service.
- C. All members of the Council, other than an ex-officio member, will be required to attend all Council meetings, unless excused by the Pastor or Principal.
- D. Any adult (21 years of age or older) who is a member in good standing of the parish, or is the parent or legal guardian of a child attending Divine Mercy Catholic School, is entitled to be considered for membership in the School Council. Members of the school staff and

faculty have a unique responsibility to give counsel to the principalminister, and therefore should not be considered for membership in the School Council. Spouses of staff and faculty members may not serve on the School Council.

E. In the event a member, for whatever reason, does not complete his/her term, the Pastor and Principal may seek nominations from the school community and the School Council members. The Pastor and the Principal will appoint new members after seeking recommendations from the school community and the School Council members.

## ARTICLE III

# Meetings

- A. The Council shall meet bi-monthly or quarterly during the school year as deemed adequate or at the request of the Pastor or Principal to conduct affairs concerning the school.
- B. The presence of the Pastor or Principal is necessary at all School Council meetings. The Pastor or Principal and a majority of the Council members constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- C. The Pastor and Principal will set the agenda for meetings.
- D. All Council members should be sensitive to the responsibility of confidentiality for business transacted at meetings. Each member will sign a confidentiality form.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## Amendment of the Constitution

A. Any amendment to the local Constitution must observe Diocesan guidelines, under the consideration of the Council, and approved by the Pastor and Principal.