

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sr. Mary Euphrasia Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage scholarship, to stimulate a desire to serve the local and school community, to provide leadership opportunities, and to develop character in the students of Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School.

Section 3. The Sr. Mary Euphrasia Chapter of the National Honor Society shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Article II

The Principal

Section 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor(s), who may serve continuously.

Article III

The Chapter Advisor(s)

Section 1. The chapter advisor(s) shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.

Section 2. The chapter advisor(s) shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3. The chapter advisor(s) shall regularly review each member for compliance with National Honor Society standards and obligations.

Section 4. The chapter advisor(s) shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Section 5. The chapter advisor(s) will appoint a faculty council with the approval of the principal.

Article IV

Faculty Council

Section 1. The members of the faculty council will remain anonymous.

Section 2. Members may be appointed to serve continuously.

Section 3. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

Article V

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Sr. Mary Euphrasia chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is done by the faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. **Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.**

Section 2. New members shall be inducted at a special evening ceremony. The date of the ceremony is listed on the school calendar.

Section 3. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 4. Students who were inducted into National Honor Society at another school may be considered for induction into the Sr. Mary Euphrasia Chapter depending on the student's records from the previous school.

Article VI

Selection of Members

Section 1. The Sr. Mary Euphrasia Chapter of the National Honor Society at Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School is an elite academic and service organization that serves both our school and community. Students are eligible for membership in the second half of their junior year if they have met certain criteria in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

The criteria are as follows:

- A minimum cumulative average of 93% for a total of five semesters.
- A minimum of 15 hours of verifiable community service outside of the school setting. Attestation of these hours to an outside organization must be typed on the organization's letterhead.
- Two letters of recommendation that attest to both character and leadership qualities of the candidate from a faculty member or an outside source (other than a family member).
- All submission deadlines must be met.

Section 2. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 3. Meeting the above criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the National Honor Society. If faculty or staff members have concerns about a student with regards to scholarship, leadership, character, and/or service, he or she may not be accepted.

Section 4. The appeals process will work as follows: The **student** must submit an appeal to the chapter advisor(s). The appeal must be approved by two administrators to move forward. If approved the student will decide what new data he or she will submit for reconsideration. The faculty committee will meet once again to vote on the student. The vote will be confidential and their determination is final.

Section 5. There are membership dues of \$16 which will be collected shortly after new members are inducted.

Article VII

Dismissal

Section 1. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned (in writing or verbally) by the chapter advisor(s) and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency.

Section 2. A flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws shall serve as immediate grounds for dismissal. A student can also be immediately dismissed upon receiving an in school suspension or out of school suspension.

Section 3. The chapter advisor(s) shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Article VIII

Chapter Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall preside over meetings; organize and oversee all NHS endeavors; help plan and execute service projects; demonstrate good leadership qualities and delegate responsibilities to other members; spearhead the afterschool tutoring program. The president is also responsible for overseeing tutoring attendance and making sure there is adequate coverage. The president will also attend executive meetings.

Section 3. The Vice President works with and supports the president on the above duties; spearhead the paper/bottle recycling program; oversee morning set up on club days and lunch bottle recycling during non-club weeks; attend executive meetings.

Section 4. The Secretary takes attendance at meetings and reports on events for school newspaper; record service points for all NHS service during the school year; carry out correspondence, invitations, flyers for events, and phone contacts to nursing facility; attend executive meetings.

Section 5. The Treasurer collects NHS dues and NHS shirt orders; fill out purchase orders for NHS supplies; collect and total money for fundraisers; attend executive meetings.

Section 6. All officers are responsible for organizing and executing next year's NHS induction ceremony.

Article IX

Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor(s).

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Article X

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be regular meetings during the school year on days designated by the chapter advisor(s).

Section 2. Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the chapter advisor(s).

Article XI

Activities

Section 1. The chapter shall have numerous service activities throughout the year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these activities.

Section 3. These activities shall have the following characteristics: Fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; be well planned and executed.

Section 4. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article XII

Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any time by the chapter advisor(s) and administration.