

# **CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER**

## **Usage Policy**

Christ Our Shepherd Center is owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg as a non-profit retreat and conference center, to support and assist the diocese in carrying out its mission of spreading and teaching the Gospel of Christ.

As such, the Center is available for functions that advance the work of the diocese and the formation of diocesan clergy, religious, staff and laity in matters of faith, work and Catholic Christian living. These include diocesan liturgies, retreats, conferences, seminars, and programs; as well as fundraisers and social events which are integral to the life of the church.

As a diocesan facility, the use of Christ Our Shepherd Center is extended for these same purposes to the parishes, schools, organizations, and religious orders of the diocese, and other Catholic dioceses. Use is further extended to registered parish members for social gatherings directly associated with the receipt of church sacraments, and funeral liturgies. These include the celebration of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony and Holy Orders. To meet the requirements for holding such celebrations, verification that the sacrament is being received in a parish church must be provided by the parish pastor. Also included are meals following Catholic funeral rites that follow a liturgy in a parish.

New groups that desire to use Christ Our Shepherd Center shall submit documentation of its affiliation and good standing with the church, and the purpose of the proposed function. The use of presenters and speakers must comply with the Speaker Approval Policy of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Ancillary uses of Christ Our Shepherd Center are limited to those entities who are tenants at Christ Our Shepherd Center, and have an operational presence at the Center. Recreational use of the gymnasium and adjoining grounds are available to the public.

All activities must be in keeping with accepted tenets of the Catholic faith, and not conflict with church teachings.

Christ Our Shepherd Center and/or the Diocese of Greensburg reserves the right to decline or revoke approval of any use that it determines to be inappropriate or in violation of its usage and operating policies.