

TERMS OF USE FOR WEBSITES

_____ provides this Web site for information, inspiration, education, administration and participation in Church life, spiritual growth and evangelization.

Please note that your use of this site is not solely for your own private enrichment.

Parts of this site may include interaction with other people. The nature of the Web and Church use of the Web requires courteous and thoughtful discourse.

By visiting this site, users agree to adhere to certain standards of interactive conduct. These standards apply to use of interactive features, including but not limited to, news forums, discussion groups, chat, e-cards, calendar listings, blog comments and email to addresses contained in this site.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS OF DISCOURSE?

In any interaction with this site, visitors agree to refrain from:

- Using language that can be generally construed as offensive, derogatory, judgmental, demeaning or humiliating
- “Flaming,” or “spamming,” or any practice that floods an individual with unwanted offensive or derogatory communication
- Comments, statements or terminology that can be construed as disparaging towards another’s race, gender, nationality, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, immigration status, presumed ideology (e.g., “conservative” or “liberal”), veteran status or religious affiliation
- Online shouting, that is, USE OF ALL CAPS IN ANY MESSAGE
- Linking to offensive sites, including those that are pornographic, racist or which advocate violence or prejudice against any group or individuals
- Disclosing private information about others, including personal contact information
- Attacking or undermining another’s reputation or good name, that is, calumny, libel or slander
- Use of copyrighted material from this site or any other source without permission
- Any illegal activity
- Any activity that would endanger children

WHAT ARE VIOLATIONS OF GOSPEL STANDARDS?

This site exists solely to advance the Good News of Jesus Christ and the building of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, _____ retains the right to remove communications and to block interactive participation from anyone who, in the sole opinion of _____ has objectively violated Gospel standards of conduct, *sensus fidei* or *consensus fidelium*, whether or not such violations are enumerated above, without intended detriment to that individual’s intent, faith or reputation.



WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN WHEN THESE STANDARDS ARE VIOLATED?

Anyone deemed to have violated any of the above standards, or any other individual instance considered related to any of the above standards, may be blocked from certain interactive features of this site and have his or her messages removed. If any violation of the above standards represents, indicates or suggests an intent or threat to break the law or endanger a child, the violator's information, including ISP and IP address, will be provided to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Although hackers may not use site features, those who interfere with the operation of this site or obtain information from the site without permission or spammers who harvest email addresses from this site are also subject to prosecution.

WHAT IS THE RECOURSE WHEN A DECISION IS MADE?

Those deemed to be in violation of the Standards of Discourse or Gospel Standards by _____, its employees, volunteers, students, agents or contractors, are not permitted to dispute decisions regarding any limitations of their use of this Web site. They may, however, ask to be reinstated. The decision to reinstate or not is at the sole discretion of _____.

YOUR CONSENT

By using our Web site, you consent to the Terms of Use. Should we make any material changes to these terms, we will post a notice of those changes on this page so that you are always aware of the responsibilities of those who use this site.

