

RENTAL OF PARISH PROPERTY

It is the policy of the Diocese of Las Cruces that parish property may be rented to individual parishioners, parish organizations or Catholic affiliated organizations.

Diocesan liability insurance requirements must be met in all cases involving individuals renting property; e.g. wedding receptions, quinceañeras, etc. Such insurance requires that the Lessee agrees to secure or supply proof of liability insurance to Lessor no later than one week prior to the function. This information will be placed in Lessee's files. (Revised January 1994)

Other non-profit organizations seeking to use parish property must also provide proof of liability insurance in the case of the use of liquor.

Political gatherings that are non-partisan may be allowed, as long as it cannot be construed as support of a particular party.

Special interest groups, social concerns groups, etc. could be allowed the use or rental of church property given the particular merits of the group; e.g., labor unions which have been supported by the Church. However, other groups which may be particularly sponsoring or lobbying for objectionable, moral issues should be refused.

Rallies for community information or to promote community welfare, school issues, etc. can and should be promoted.

If there is any doubt about a particular group and its purpose and the reputation of the Church in allowing its premises for a meeting the chancery office should be contacted.