

PARISH AND SCHOOLS USAGE AND FACILITIES POLICY

The purpose of parish facilities is to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ and to serve the needs of the Catholic community. This includes the teaching mission of the Church.

Parish run schools and religious education programs are the primary means by which the Church accomplishes its teaching mission for children and young people.

The use of parish facilities by charter schools, home school programs, or private school programs is prohibited, both because such usage can undermine the stability of nearby Catholic schools and lead people to think that the Church is approving and advancing particular alternative schools and programs.

If a parish has a closed school building which is creating economic hardship, rental of the school to a non-Catholic educational program or school will be considered on a case-by-case basis with approval by the Bishop, always emphasizing that there are no conflicts in its mission with Catholic doctrine and that such a rental will not harm neighboring Catholic schools.