

September 6, 2019

The Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr
Archbishop of the Cincinnati Archdiocese
100 East 8th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Archbishop Schnurr,

Your Excellency, I request your permission to offer to my fellow laity of the Archdiocese a new Evangelization program, Catholic Entrepreneurs Organization.

The mission of the program is to encourage Catholic entrepreneurs, managers, employees, and professionals to be faithful as they serve their customers, colleagues, and community in their enterprises and professions. The group will encourage professional development and networking, profitable business operations, mentorship, community service, fun activities, and ethical behavior in accordance with Catholic social teaching. Membership is free.

Membership in the organization will be offered to Catholic men and women throughout the Archdiocese and ultimately even other cities through member referral and marketing via LinkedIn, Facebook, and Meetup. We will also periodically send requests to local parishes to publish articles about the organization and its activities in their bulletin to encourage awareness and membership. We will not discriminate against a non-Catholic individual who requests membership. All are welcome.

I and the original 15 founding Catholic members believe that by working together as professionals and business leaders, we can grow our faith and our economy. Together, the members will encourage the virtues of Christianity in business ventures and in the greater community. We seek to create value and camaraderie via networking, encouraging business among members, offer professional development opportunities, and share ideas to make businesses operations more virtuous and profitable.

Our Group Rule- *Business owners, managers, professionals and key employees come together to be inspired by each other, to share stories and resolutions about the operations of the business. We network with each other and share best practices and lessons learned. At all meetings, we begin with prayer, encourage*

one another, seek God's counsel in our operational and strategic decisions. In the world, we uphold and compete according to the virtues of our Faith

The membership will create the curricula and will plan breakfast, lunch, and dinner events and webinars for the members to get together. We look forward to requesting and using representatives of the Church as guest speakers at some of these events. Although, we welcome the opportunity to use venues offered by the Church for our gatherings, we are not requesting any financial support or commitment from the Archdiocese of any resources. The members who attend the events will be responsible for their own share of the expenses involved. We are not anticipating any fixed administrative expenses in the foreseeable future.

The Catholic Entrepreneurs Organization is a ministry of **The J24 Charity Trust, a 501c3 public charity** created to support this program and a few others that seek public education about topics of importance and impact, with a special emphasis on financial literacy and environmental stewardship. I hope that through public donations and grants, the J24 Trust will be able to someday financially benefit the Church (The "J24" stands for Joshua 24). Our 501c3 application is pending with the IRS. A copy of the application is attached for your reference.

I sincerely hope that you will become a member of the organization and offer permission for employees and Priests of the Archdiocese to join. But, currently, we seek your permission and blessing to exist as an organization within your jurisdiction. We certainly will not proclaim that we are an extension of the Archdiocese or one of its ministries.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns using the information below. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully Yours in Christ,



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