

Partners in Mission

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"Sponsorship is an ongoing relationship whereby the Adrian Dominican Sisters and an institution influence each other in ways that further the Mission of both institution and Congregation."

General Chapter 1982

Reserved Powers of Sponsors

The Congregation's elected leaders, or General Council, are canonically recognized as the stewards of its institutions, holding certain reserved powers. The reserved powers vary in the Articles of Incorporation and the by-laws of each institution and may include, though may not be limited to, the power to approve the:

- philosophy and Mission of the institution;
- original and amended articles and by-laws;
- Board of Trustees;
- sale, lease, and mortgaging of real estate and all borrowing above certain specified limits;
- appointment of the institution's Chief Executive Officer; and
- merger or dissolution of the institution.

The commitment of the Congregation to its Sponsored Institutions is to:

- assure the presence of Adrian Dominican Sisters on the Board of Trustees/Directors;
- provide educational materials and/or conferences that focus on the Mission, history, charism, and tradition of the Congregation and reflect Catholic Social Teaching.

"We Adrian Dominicans affirm our belief that institutions in the Catholic tradition are places where we can share faith and life, create justice and peace, and influence society positively and actively."

Enactment 19, General Chapter 1986

"We affirm ministry in our Congregation-sponsored institutions as an expression of our common Dominican Mission. We encourage members, Associates, and volunteers to minister in them."

Recommendation, Identity in Mission, General Chapter 2004

The responsibility of the Board of Trustees/ Directors for Mission is to:

- grow in understanding of and alignment with the Mission and values of the Congregation and the institution;
- assume responsibility for the institution and what it represents;
- engage in value-based planning, decision-making, and stewardship; and
- serve as the conscience of the institution in adherence to the Mission, integration of values, and preservation of its Catholic identity.

The responsibility of the Institution for Mission is to:

- gather the Board and leadership of the institution with a member of the General Council to discuss mutual accountability on the state of the Mission and support for ongoing efforts to further the Mission;
- make known its identity as a Catholic institution sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters and maintain this identity based on the institution's clearly articulated Mission and values;
- create an institutional culture that respects human dignity, promotes quality, responds to needs, and fosters collaboration;
- establish frameworks for ethical decision-making and fiscal stewardship;
- advocate for justice and peace locally, nationally, and globally; and
- provide orientation for new Trustees and Co-workers, through presentations by Adrian Dominican Sisters if possible, on the healing and teaching Mission of the Church; the roots, history, and tradition of the Congregation and the institution; the relationship between sponsor and institution as partners in Mission; and stewardship of the institution's Mission, vision, and core values.



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