

STATUTES / NỘI QUY

Chapter 1

NATURE

Article 1: Origin and Name

The Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement originally was called *Nghĩa Binh Thánh Thể*, and was a branch of the Prayer Apostolate established for the youth by Fr. Bessières, S.J. in 1915 in France in the spirit of the Decree *Quam Singulari* issued by Pope Pius X, which encouraged and allowed for young people to receive communion at an early age. The four traditional pillars of *Nghĩa Binh Thánh Thể* was: Prayer and Apostolic Work (extracted from the Prayer Apostolate), Eucharist (regular reception of communion according to the decree of Pope Pius X), and Sacrifice (based on the spirit of the *Đạo Binh Thánh Giá*, sacrifice for the sake of the Church).

Nghĩa Binh Thánh Thể Việt Nam was established by the St. Sulpice Fathers in 1929 at the school administered by the Ecole Puginier Brothers in Hà Nội, with traditional religious purposes. After a period development in activities throughout the dioceses, *Nghĩa Binh Thánh Thể* issued a set of Unified Rules in 1964, in which the name was changed to Eucharistic Youth Movement of Việt Nam, emphasizing the purpose of youth education. In the unceasing progress of the movement and to respond to the increasing need for more effective youth education, a new set of Rules for the Eucharistic Youth Movement of Việt Nam was born, approved by the Bishops Conference of Việt Nam in January 1971.

After 1975, the Eucharistic Youth Movement of Việt Nam sprung up in miraculous ways in Vietnamese Catholic communities in many countries throughout the world including: France, Germany, the United States, Norway, Australia... Presently in the United States, the movement is called: the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States (VEYMUSA).

Article 2: Purpose

The Eucharistic Youth Movement has two general purposes:

- (2.1) Form young people to become fulfilled individuals and perfect Christians.
- (2.2) Organize and guide young people to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and contribute to building the Church.

Article 3: Foundation

The Eucharistic Youth Movement utilizes God's Word in the Scriptures and Catholic Church Magisterium as the basis for educating and guiding the youth in its activities.

Article 4: Ideal

Eucharistic Youth Movement accepts the Eucharistic Jesus Christ as its focal point, as source of spiritual life, and as ideal for the life of its members.

Article 5: Principles

The Principles of the Eucharistic Youth Movement of Việt Nam are as follow:

- (5.1) Live God's Word and be united with the Eucharistic Christ through Prayer, Communion, Sacrifice, and Apostolic Work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, particularly apostolic work by the youth: "The

youth must do apostolic work first and directly to the youth” (Decree Lay Apostolicity, no. 12) (see also Art. 3.4, 52, 54).

(5.2) Love and adore the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, so that through Our Mother, we receive Christ and take Christ into our lives in a perfect way.

(5.3) Adore the Vietnamese Martyrs; follow their examples to become witnesses for the Good News of Christ.

(5.4) Love and obey the representative of Christ, the Pope, who is the leader of the Eucharistic Youth, and at the same time pray and implement the monthly wishes of the Holy Father.

(5.5) Improve in humanism; protect and develop the Vietnamese traditions and culture.

Article 6: Spiritual Principles

The Eucharistic Youth member always remember and implement the Ten Spiritual Principles as follow:

(6.1) Young people offer up their day each morning in order to make their life become a prayer.

(6.2) Young people are devoted to the Eucharist, assiduously attending mass and visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

(6.3) Young people are willing to make sacrifices, finding joy in beholding the Cross.

(6.4) Young people depend on the Holy Mother for victory, and always lead exemplary lives worthy of Jesus’ disciples.

(6.5) Young people obey their parents and group leaders.

(6.6) Young people are mild-mannered, staying pure in both words and deeds.

(6.7) Young people are rich in compassion, with generous hearts to help others.

(6.8) Young people are honest, moderate and sincere in words and deeds.

(6.9) Young people are faithful to their responsibilities, always completing assigned tasks.

(6.10) Young people record their treasure chests each night, not falsely reporting their works.

Article 7: Education Method

The Eucharistic Youth Movement utilizes appropriate methods to educate the youth in the two dimensions of natural and supernatural.

(7.1) Natural: Eucharistic Youth utilizes natural methods such as singing and dancing, outdoor activities, desert experiences, social action...all of which are imbued with the spirit of the Scriptures. (see also Art. 55, 56)

(7.2) Supernatural: Eucharistic Youth makes as basis for its spiritual life the Eucharistic Day by Offering of the Day, Prayer, Communion, making the Spiritual Bouquet, Retreat, and Sharing of the Word... (see also Art. 52, 53, 54, 55, 62)

Article 8: Direction

The Eucharistic Youth Movement trains the youth in an atmosphere that is new, healthy, enthusiastic, adapted, and open in order to become perfect individuals willing to live a positive faith life, brave and willing in committing to bringing God to their surroundings; at the same time are proud to lift up their traditions and culture, and always conscious of building the country. (see also Art 2, 5, 51)

Article 9: Related entities for cooperation

In order to execute the task of educating, improving and sanctifying the youth, Eucharistic Youth Movement needs to collaborate with parents, the parish, the community, the school, and cooperate with various groups and organizations connected with the life of the youth; at the same time, the Eucharistic Youth Movement needs their support.

Chapter 2:

ORGANIZATION AND EXECUTION

Article 10: Organizational System

Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States has an organization structure that is vertical in manner:

- * Central (National)
- * Regional (Inter-states)
- * Inter-chapter/Independent Chapters (Diocese)
- * Chapter (Parish, Congregation)

Article 11: Chapter (see ill. 1)

The level at which the Eucharistic Youth Movement directly implements its education is the Chapter, usually established in the Parishes or the Catholic Community. The Chapter admits members who are seven years or older. Therefore, in order for the education and activities to be effective, the members in a Chapter are divided into groups according to age and sex called “Ngành” (Branch). The Branch is divided into many Sub-groups (Chi Đoàn/Toán); the Sub-groups are divided into Teams (Đội).

Article 12: Branch (see ill. 2)

(12.1) The Eucharistic Youth Chapter is divided into 4 Branches according to age as follow:

* Ấu Nhi with the slogan “Well-behaved”: members ages 7-9 (grades 2-4) officially belong to the Ấu Nhi Branch. However, according to specific instances, members 6 years old may be admitted and are called Ấu Non.

* Thiếu Nhi with the slogan “Sacrifice”: ages 10-13 (grades 5-8).

* Nghĩa Sĩ with the slogan “Conquer”: ages 14-17 (grades 9-12).

*Hiệp Sĩ with the slogan “Commitment”: ages 18 and above (College).

(see also Art. 48.2)

(12.2) Each Branch has a Branch Leader and Assistant Leader to direct the activities of the Branch.

(12.3) If in a locality where there is no Eucharistic Youth Chapter present but there are many groups of Hiệp Sĩ gathered, they may be called the Independent Hiệp Sĩ Branch.

Article 13: Sub-group

(13.1) The Branches of Ấu, Thiếu, Nghĩa are divided into Sub-groups. Each of the Sub-groups are made up of 3-5 teams (see Art 14.1) of members of the same gender, headed by the Sub-group Leader and assistant Leader, and Assistant (Phụ Tá). (see also Art. 33, 42)

(13.2) The Hiệp Sĩ Branch is divided into Hiệp Sĩ Sub-groups. Each Sub-group is made up of 5-8 members of different genders, headed by a Sub-group Leader and assistant Leader. (see also Art 36, 57.2)

Article 14: Team (see ill. 2)

(14.1) The Sub-group is divided into Teams. Each Team has 6-11 members of the same gender, headed by a Team Leader and assistant Leader.

Article 15: Directing the Chapter

(15.1) The Branches in a locality unite to form a Eucharistic Youth Chapter, headed by the Chapter Council (see ill. 3)

(15.2) The Chapter Council contains:

President: Chapter Chaplain appointed by a higher level Chaplain.

Members:

* Assistant Chaplain, Assistants, Consultants, parent Representatives.

* The Chapter Leadership Council: Chapter Managing Committee and the Chapter Leaders.

(15.3) The Chapter Managing Committee cooperates with the Chaplain to direct the Chapter (see also Art. 35).

The Chapter Managing Committee comprises of:

* The Regular Committee comprising of:

- Chapter Director
- 3 Assistant Directors: Internal, External, Training
- Secretary
- Treasurer

* 4 Branch Leaders (Áu, Thiúu, Nghĩa, Hiệp)

(15.4) The Chapter Regular Committee: the Chapter Director and assistant Directors are elected by the Leadership Council and approved by the Chaplain for a term of two years with possible re-election. The Secretary and Treasurer is appointed by the Chapter Director and assistant Directors and approved by the Chaplain.

The Chapter Director may be elected for only two terms. A one term hiatus is mandatory for further election. (see also Art. 44).

(15.5) The Chapter Training Committee:

* The committee is headed by the Chaplain, and the members comprise of: the Chapter Director, assistant Director in charge of Training, and Branch Leaders.

* The committee has the responsibility of organizing and preparing the program of training the Team Leaders and assistant Leaders, and supplementary training for pre-Leaders. (see also Art. 40.4)

(15.6) In order to build and develop the Chapter, each chapter should form a Committee of Assistants, Committee of Consultants, and a Parent Association. (see also Art 9, 32)

(Art. 15: see also Art. 28.3, 57.3, 64)

Article 16: Inter-Chapter

(16.1) Multiple Chapters and the Hiệp Sĩ Branches in a Diocese form an Inter-Chapter.

(16.2) If there is only one Chapter in a Diocese, it is considered an Independent Chapter. The activities are on the level of Chapter, but in the vertical structure, it is comparable to an Inter-Chapter.

(16.3) The Inter-Chapter is directed by the Inter-Chapter Leadership Council (see ill. 4) comprising of:

* President: Inter-chapter Chaplain

Members:

- * Inter-chapter Council (see Art. 17)
- * Chapter Chaplains and Assistant Chaplains
- * Chapter Directors

Article 17: Inter-Chapter Leadership Council (see ill. 4)

Those Inter-Chapter Council directs the Inter-Chapter and is comprised of:

- * Inter-Chapter Chaplain, appointed by the Regional Chaplain to a 3-year term, and may be re-appointed for an additional term.
- * Inter-Chapter Executive Committee (see Art. 18)
- * Inter-Chapter Training Committee (see Art. 19)

Article 18: Inter-Chapter Executive Committee (see ill. 5)

(18.1) The Inter-Chapter Executive Committee comprises of:

- * Inter-Chapter Regular Committee: (see Art 40)
 - Inter-chapter Director
 - 3 Inter-chapter Assistant Directors: Internal, External, and Training
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

* SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Under the Inter-chapter Internal Assistant Director:

- Chapter members
- Technology
- Finance
- Liturgy and Vocation
- Communication

Under the Inter-chapter External Assistant Director:

- Personnel relations
- Communication with Assistants and parents
- Friends of Nghĩa Binh and Eucharistic Youth
- Social
- Sports
- Entertainment

Under the Inter-chapter Assistant Director in charge of Training:

- Hiệp Sĩ branch
- Nghĩa Sĩ branch
- Thiếu Nhi branch
- Ấu Nhi branch

(18.2) The Inter-Chapter Director and Assistant Directors are elected by the Inter-Chapter Leadership Council. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Special Committee Chairs are appointed by the Inter-Chapter Directors and Assistant Directors and approved by the Inter-Chapter Chaplain for a 2-year term with possible re-election.

The Inter-Chapter Director may only be elected for two terms. A hiatus of one term is mandatory for further election. (see also Art. 45)

(18.3) In order to build and develop the Inter-Chapter, each Inter-Chapter should establish a Committee of Assistants, a Committee of Consultants, and a Committee of Benefactors. (see also Art. 9, 32)

(see also Art. 28.2, 37, 65)

Article 19: Inter-Chapter Committee in charge of Training

Inter-Chapter in charge of Training comprises of:

- * Director: Assistant Chaplain in charge of Inter-Chapter Training
- * 4 Chaplains of the 4 branches
- * Inter-Chapter Assistant Director in charge of Training (see Art. 40.4, 45)
- * 4 Branch Leaders (see Art. 41.3)
- * Guest Training experts

All are appointed by the Inter-Chapter Chaplain for a 2-year term with possible reappointment.
(see also Art. 28.2, 37)

Article 20: Region (see ill. 6)

(20.1) Multiple Inter-chapter, Independent Chapters, and Hiệp Sĩ Sub-groups combine to form a Region.

(20.2) The Region is directed by the Regional Leadership Council comprising of:

- * President: Regional Chaplain

Members:

- * Regional Council (see Art. 21)
- * Assistant Chaplains, Assistants, Consultants, Benefactors at the Regional Level
- * Inter-chapter/Independent Chapter/Hiệp Sĩ Sub-group Chaplains
- * Inter-Chapter Assistant Director in charge of Training
- * Regional Regular Committees
- * Leaders of Independent Hiệp Sĩ Sub-groups

Article 21: Regional Council

The Regional Council directs the Eucharistic Youth Movement and comprises of:

* Regional Chaplain appointed by the General Chaplain for a 4-year term with possible re-appointment of an additional term.

- * Regional Executive Committee (see Art. 22)
- * Regional Committee in charge of Training (see Art. 23)

Article 22: Regional Executive Committee (see ill. 7)

(22.1) The Regional Executive Committee comprises of:

- * REGIONAL REGULAR COMMITTEE (see Art 40)
- Director
- 3 Assistant Directors: Internal, External, Training
- Secretary
- Treasurer

* SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Under the Inter-chapter Internal Assistant Director:

- Chapter members
- Technology

- Finance
- Liturgy and Vocation
- Communication

Under the Inter-chapter External Assistant Director:

- Personnel relations
- Communication with Assistants and parents
- Friends of Nghĩa Binh and Eucharistic Youth
- Social
- Sports
- Entertainment

Under the Inter-chapter Assistant Director in charge of Training:

- Hiệp Sĩ branch
- Nghĩa Sĩ branch
- Thiếu Nhi branch
- Ấu Nhi branch

(22.2) The Director and Assistant Director are elected by the Regional Council. The Secretary, Treasurer, and the Special Committee Chairs are appointed by the Director and Assistant Directors and approved by the Regional Chaplain for a 3-year term with possible re-election.

The Regional Director may only be elected for two consecutive terms. A hiatus of one term is mandatory for further election. (see also Art. 46)

(22.3) In order to build and develop the Region, each Region should establish Committees of Assistants, Consultants, and Benefactors. (see also Art. 9, 32)

(Art. 22: see also Art. 28.2, 38, 66)

Article 23: Regional Committee in charge of Training

Regional Committee in charge of Training comprises of:

- * Director: Assistant Regional Chaplain in charge of Training

Members:

- * 4 Chaplains of the 4 Branches
- * Regional Assistant Director in charge of Training
- * 4 Leaders of the 4 branches
- * Guest Training experts

All are appointed by the Regional Chaplain to a 3-year term with possible re-appointment.
(see also Art. 28.2, 38)

Article 24: National Leadership Council (see ill. 8)

The Eucharistic Youth of multiple Regions unite to form the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States, placed under the leadership of the National Leadership Council, which comprises of:

- * President: General Chaplain

Members:

- * Central Council (see Art. 25)
- * Assistant General Chaplain
- * Branch Chaplains
- * Assistant Chaplains, Assistants, Consultants, and Benefactors at the Central Level
- * Regional Chaplains
- * Regional Assistant Directors in charge of Training
- * Regional Regular Committees
- * Former General/Assistant General Chaplains
- * Former Directors of the Central Executive Committee

Article 25: Central Council

The Central Council directs the National Eucharistic Youth Movement, and comprises of:

- * General Chaplain elected by the Chaplains of the National Leadership Council for a 5-year term with an additional term possible.
- * Central Executive Committee (see Art. 26)
- * Central Committee in charge of Training (see Art. 27)

Article 26: Central Executive Committee (see ill. 9)

(26.1) The Central Executive Committee comprises of:

- * CENTRAL REGULAR COMMITTEE (see Art 40)
 - Director
 - 3 Assistant Directors: Internal, External, Training
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

* SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS (see Art 41)

Under the Internal Assistant Director:

- Chapter members
- Technology
- Finance
- Liturgy and Vocation
- Communication

Under the External Assistant Director:

- Personnel relations
- Communication with Assistants and parents
- Friends of Nghĩa Binh and Eucharistic Youth
- Social

Under the Assistant Director in charge of Training:

- Hiệp Sĩ branch
- Nghĩa Sĩ branch
- Thiếu Nhi branch
- Âu Nhi branch

(22.2) The Director and Assistant Director are elected by the Central Council. The General Secretary, General Treasurer, and the Special Committee Chairs are appointed by the Director and Assistant Directors and approved by the Regional Chaplain for a 3-year term with possible re-appointment. (see Art. 47)

The Central Executive Committee Director may only be re-elected one time. (see also Art. 47)

(22.3) In order to build and develop the movement, the Central Leadership Council should establish Committees of Assistants, Consultants, and Benefactors. (see also Art. 9, 32)

(Article 26: see also Art. 28.1, 39, 67)

Article 27: Central Committee in charge of Training

Central Committee in charge of Training comprises of:

Director: General Assistant Chaplain in charge of Training

Members:

- * The Chaplains of the 4 Branches
- * Central Assistant Director in charge of Training (see Art. 40.4, 47)
- * 4 Leaders of the 4 Branches
- * Guest expert trainers

All are appointed by the General Chaplain to a 3-year term with possible re-appointment.

Chapter 3:

GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 28: Distribution of Responsibilities (see ill. 10)

(28.1) National Level: Distribution of responsibilities among the Leadership Council, the Central Council, the Training Committee, and the Executive Committee is as follows:

- * National Leadership Council: (see Art. 24, 57.5)
 - Charged with deciding upon the Rules.
 - Determining direction of activities.
 - Oversee implementation of common directives nationwide.
- * Central Council: (see Art. 25)
 - Implement the decisions of the National Leadership Council about the annual program of activities.
 - Responsible to the National Leadership Council.
- * Central Executive Committee: (see Art. 26)
 - Charged by the National Leadership Council to direct the program of activities for the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the national level.
 - Implement the decisions of the National Leadership Council as well as the Central Council.
 - Direct the areas of expertise, management, administration, and finance at the national level.
- * Central Committee in charge of Training: (see Art. 27)
 - Responsible for Guidelines for Training
 - Inquire, research, and update the Program for Improvement of Members.
 - Train Leaders and Training Officers for the various levels.

(28.2) Regional and Inter-Chapter Levels:

* Leadership Council: (see Art. 16, 20, 57.4)

- Implement and follow up on the decisions related to the Rules of the Central Level, the direction of activities of the relevant higher level.
- Propose programs of activities to respond to the needs of the relevant level of Eucharistic Youth.

* Executive Committee: (see Art. 18, 22)

- Implement the decisions of the Leadership Council at the relevant level.
- Direct the program of activities for the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant level.
- Direct the various areas of expertise, management, as well as administration and finance at the relevant level.

* Committee in charge of Training: (see Art. 19, 23)

- Implement and follow up on the Training Guidelines in the formation and training of Leaders.
- Implement and follow up on the Program for Improvement of Members in the training of Members.
- Research training materials and make proposals to the relevant level when updating is necessary.

(28.3) Chapter and Independent Chapter Level:

* Chapter Council: (see Art. 15.2)

- Implement and follow up on the decisions of the Central Rules, and the direction of activities at the relevant higher level.
- Propose directions and programs for activities to respond to the needs of the local Eucharistic Youth for the purpose of improvement and development.

* Managing Committee of the Chapter: (see Art. 15.3)

- Implement the common decisions of the Chapter Council and the relevant higher level.
- Direct the areas of expertise, management as well as administration and finance of the Chapter.
- Implement and follow up on the Program for Improvement of Members in the task of training Members.
- Research training materials and make proposals to the relevant higher level when updating is necessary.

Article 29: Chaplain (see ill. 11)

The responsibilities and relationship between the Chaplain priest and the Leader are determined as follows:

(29.1) The authentic leadership is placed in the hand of the Chaplain priest by the Episcopate; however, this authority is bestowed upon the Leader according to his/her ability (according to the principle of Catholic Action).

(29.2) The Leader when elected and appointed has the responsibility to organize and direct the activities, at the same time be responsible before the Chaplain and the relevant levels of leadership.

(29.3) The Chaplain only directly intervenes in important matters, foremost is moral training or in the situation the Leader has lost credibility. The Chaplain has the authority to dismiss or change the Leader.

(29.4) Although not directly doing all the tasks, the Chaplain also needs to participate in the meetings in which there are exercises included, especially the desert training experiences in order to bring about the greatest benefit for the Eucharistic Youth Movement. (see also Art. 56)

Article 30: Assistant Chaplain (Religious), Assistant (Lay)

The responsibility and relationship between the Assistant Chaplain, Assistant and Leader are distinguished as follow:

(30.1) The Assistant Chaplains are male and female religious who collaborate with the Chaplain priest in the task of moral training for the Leader and members.

(30.2) The Assistants include lay people who have good will and ability to support the Leaders in the activities of the Movement.

(30.3) The Assistant Chaplains and Assistants who want to direct the Chapter must undergo training seminars in accordance with the Training Guidelines. (see also Art. 56)

(30.4) The Leader needs to form good relationship with the Assistant Chaplains and the Assistants by inviting them to attend activities, meetings, conferences, and desert experiences; also, inquire their opinions in important matters. (see also Art. 56)

Article 31: Common Principle

The Chaplain, Assistant Chaplain, and Assistant always strive to create opportunities and credibility for the Leader to work, trusting and supporting the Leader in all activities.

Article 32: Committee of Consultants, Committee of Benefactors, and Parent Association

With the approval of the relevant Chaplain, the various levels should establish the following committees: (see Art. 9, 41.2c)

(32.1) The Committee of Consultants comprise of individuals who have great experiences and expertise invited to share their opinions in important matters.

(32.2) The Committee of Benefactors comprise of individuals who provide support spiritually and materially for the regular activities of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

(32.3) The Parent Association comprise of all parents or guardians of the Eucharistic Youth Movement members; they are invited to collaborate in the task of urging and guiding their children in the Program of Improvement at home, helping in a concrete way in the annual activities through financial support, transportation, night duty during desert experiences, etc..

Chapter 4:

POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 33: Sub-groups

(33.1) Each Hiệp Sĩ Sub-group is headed by the Sub-group Leader. The individual in this position has the authority to direct and train those under their charge according to the Rules, Rituals, Guidelines, directives from higher levels, and Official Training Materials of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

(33.2) The Sub-group Assistant Leader and the Leaders have the responsibility of assisting and standing in place of the Leader when necessary.

(Article 33: see also Art. 13, 42, 57.2)

Article 34: Branch

The Branch Leaders have the following responsibilities: (see also Art. 12, 43)

* Implement and follow up on the common decisions from above levels, at the same time propose methods and programs for activities appropriate for the Branch in a particular locality.

- * Administer and oversee finances of the Branch: membership, organize meetings, periodic reports, implement the task of collecting annual membership fees in the Branch.
- * Assist in supplementary training for the Sub-group Leaders.
- * Coordinate the Sub-groups to plan a Long Term Program for the Branch.
- * Regulate and be responsible for the progress of the members and the activities of the Sub-groups.

The Assistant Branch Leader assists and stand in place of the Branch leader when necessary.

Article 35: Chapter

The Chapter Managing Committee along with the Chapter Chaplain is responsible for organizing the activities of the Chapter as follow:

- * Administration of the Chapter
- * Coordinate the activities of the Branches.
- * Represent the Chapter in the relationship with other Chapters and the local authority.
- * Coordinate with the Inter-Chapter to train the Pre-Leaders.
- * Send Leaders to participate in desert training experiences.

(See also Art. 15, 57.3, 64)

Article 36: Hiệp Sĩ Sub-group

The activities of the Hiệp Sĩ Sub-group carries the meaning of commitment to the service of the Church and society; the discussion meetings focus on important matters taking place in the modern world, especially those issues of concern to the Catholic Church, the Vietnamese people, and issues relating to humanity and the youth.

- * Administration: Directly deal with the Chapter/Inter-Chapter or Region.
- * Training: The program of learning and discussion coordinated by the Central Committee on Training.

(See also Art. 43.2)

Article 37: Inter-Chapter

Along with the Inter-Chapter Chaplain:

(37.1) The Executive Committee has the task of coordinating the activities for the Chapters and the related Hiệp Sĩ Sub-group.

(37.2) The Committee in charge of Training has the following responsibilities:

- * Train Pre-Leaders and Level I according to the Training Guidelines.
- * Research training materials and make proposals to the relevant higher level.

(Article 37: see also Art. 16, 58.1, 65)

Article 38: Region

Along with the Regional Chaplain:

(38.1) The Executive Committee has the responsibility of coordinating the activities for the Inter-Chapter, Independent Chapter, and the Independent Hiệp Sĩ Sub-groups.

(38.2) The Committee in charge of Training has the following responsibilities

* Train Pre-Leaders (for Independent Chapters), Level I and Level II (Branches) according to the Training Guidelines.

* Research training materials and make proposals to the relevant higher level.

(Article 38: see also Art. 20, 58.2, 66)

Article 39: National

Along with the National General Chaplain:

(39.1) The Central Executive Committee has the responsibility of coordinating on the national level, especially in the matter of unifying the activities.

(39.2) The Central Committee in charge of Training has the following responsibilities:

* Research and update materials for the training of Leaders and the Program for Improvement of Members.

* Publish documents on activities and official training of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

* Form Level II Leaders (as necessary), Level III of the Branches, Specialized, and Training Officers of the various levels according to the Training Guidelines.

(Article 39: see also Art. 24, 58.3, 67)

Article 40: Regular Committee

(40.1) Director/Inter-Chapter Director/Chapter Director:

* Direct the Eucharistic Youth entity with the guidance of the relevant Chaplain.

* Maintain and develop the spirit of unity and love among the relevant entities of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

* Call and preside over periodic and irregular meetings of the Executive/Managing Committee of the relevant entity (see Art. 57).

* Plan the common program of activities, and coordinate the activities according to the relevant system.

* Represent the organization according to the relevant system.

* Sign documents in the activities of the relevant entity. (see Art. 68)

(40.2) Internal Assistant Director:

* Collaborate with the Director/Inter-Chapter Director/Chapter Director in the responsibility of directing the relevant Executive/Managing Committee.

* Stand in for the Director/Inter-Chapter Director/Chapter Director in the case of his/her absence, illness, resignation, or loss of credibility. This power is retained until there is a new Executive/Managing Committee.

* Direct the relevant Special Committee Chairs: call for meetings, encourage the special committee chairs to implement the short or long term plans.

* Coordinate the internal activities, especially related to administration and finance (see Art. 64, 65, 66, 67, 70).

* Report the activities that are Internal in manner in the meetings of the relevant Executive/Managing Committee.

(40.3) External Assistant Director:

* Collaborate with the Director/Inter-Chapter Director/Chapter Director in the responsibility of external relations.

* Stand in for the Director/Inter-Chapter Director/Chapter Director in the case of his/her absence, illness, resignation, or loss of credibility. This power is retained until there is a new Executive/Managing Committee.

- * Represent the Executive/Managing Committee in contacting the church authority and the government, with fellow chapters, and especially with parents.

- * Represent the Executive/Managing Committee in attending celebrations and congresses organized by the Eucharistic Youth Movement or fellow chapters.

- * Represent the Executive/Managing Committee in activities related to celebrations or occasions of mourning (see Art. 74, 75, 76).

- * Coordinate the program of activities external in nature, forming good relationships with secular and religious organizations, fellow chapters and the local authority.

- * Direct the relevant Special Committee Chairs: call meetings, encourage the personnel to implement the short or long term plans.

- * Report the activities that are External in manner in the meetings of the relevant Executive/Managing Committee.

(40.4) Assistant Director in charge of Training:

- * Stand in for the Director/Inter-Chapter Director/Chapter Director in the case of his/her absence, illness, resignation, or loss of credibility. This power is retained until there is a new Executive/Managing Committee.

- * Collaborate with the relevant Chaplain in charge of Training in the task of researching and organizing training seminars for Leaders and Members according to the relevant power. At the same time, take responsibility for the task of implementing the Program for Improvement of Members at the relevant entity.

- * In particular at the Chapter level, the Assistant Director in charge of Training collaborates with the Director and the Branch Leaders to organize the Leadership Apostolate seminars, the desert training experiences in the Chapter and the test for Member promotion. At the same time, collaborate with the Inter-Chapter in the task of forming Pre-Leaders or supplementary training for the Leaders. (see also Art. 15.5)

- * Direct the relevant Special Committee Chairs: call meetings, encourage the personnel to implement the short or long term plans so the various Branches can develop and improve.

- * Collect and store activity and training documents of the Eucharistic Youth Movement. Make proposals to the relevant higher level newly updated documents. If possible, create a library for the relevant entity.

- * Maintain the list of Leaders participating in the Desert experiences, the results achieved, and the reports of the Special Committee Chairs from the various Branches.

- * Report the Training activities in the meetings of the relevant Executive/Managing Committee.

(40.5) Secretary:

- * Update list and personal data: address, phone number of the Chaplains, Assistant Chaplains, Assistants, Consultants, Benefactors, Executive/Managing Committee, Leaders, and Members according to the need and power of the relevant entity. Collaborate with the Chapter Special Committee Chairs if one is at the level of Inter-Chapter and above.

- * Establish and store documents, outgoing and incoming letters, organization documents, reports and declarations of the relevant entity.

- * Send out letters or announcements of the relevant Executive/Managing Committee.

- * Direct the program, take notes, and store reports of the meetings of the relevant unit.

- * Collaborate with the Assistant Directors of the Regular Committees to establish an annual Report of the relevant entity.

- * Assist the Treasurer in managing the office property.

(40.6) Treasurer:

- * Store the summary of all the results of the Spiritual Bouquet efforts.

- * Manage the finance and the property of the relevant entity: collaborate with the Secretary (relating to office property) and the Special Committee Chairs (relating to relevant property) in the task of keeping book, making clear notes of persons receiving, and obtaining signatures of persons keeping property of the relevant entity of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

- * Establish and store documents related to common expenditures of the relevant entity.
- * Report the budget in the periodic meetings of the relevant entity.
- * Make annual income tax reports.
- * Collaborate with the Finance Committee Chair, propose annual budget for activities.
- * Collaborate with Communication Committee Chair to produce publications and newsletters of the relevant entity of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

Article 41: Special Committee Chairs of the Executive Committee: (see ill. 5,7,9)

(41.1) SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS UNDER THE INTERNAL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

(41.1a) Chapter:

- * Update member list.
- * Update list of leaders of the various levels
- * Collaborate with the relevant higher level to establish, maintain and update the system of Eucharistic Youth Movement Membership Card.
- * Implement contacts related to finance.

(41.1b) Technology:

- * Research, plan, and implement programs and work related to specialized technology in the desert experiences, Leader congresses, Eucharistic Youth grand celebrations, entertainment, oath taking ceremonies, etc. of the relevant entity.
- * Collect and store plans, completed projects, especially taking note of important data for future events.
- * Store and maintain property and materials related to technology of the relevant entity of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.
- * Collaborate with the Treasurer to manage the above materials.

(41.1c) Finance:

- * Research and explore ways to develop finance for the Eucharistic Youth Movement.
- * Along with the Treasurer, plan and find ways to balance the annual budget of the relevant entity.
- * Propose and implement plans and campaigns for fundraising.
- * Contact and search for benefactors, supporters of the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant entity.

(41.1d) Liturgy and Vocation:

- * Coordinate the liturgy during the Congresses, Feast Days, or Desert Experiences of the relevant entity.
- * Research and put to use documents related to Prayer Hour, reflection books, liturgical songs or materials used in liturgical celebrations or training activities of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.
- * Encourage vocations, especially during Mission Sunday. Should have ideas, organize meetings, and encourage seeds of vocational calling.
- * Contact, assist, and facilitate ways for the Leaders and the young to be conscious of religious vocation.
- * Update the list of Assistant Chaplains, Leaders and members who are in religious orders and seminaries.

(41.1e) Communications:

- * Promote the activities of the Eucharistic Youth Movement to various entities, especially parents in order to call for their collaboration.
- * Coordinate and implement the publication of “To the Promised Land” and “Raise up Your Heart” newsletter (see Art. 69).

* Coordinate human resources to organize and implement the publication of magazines as well as the newsletter of the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant entity.

* Collaborate with the Treasurer to publish the magazine or the newsletter of the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant entity.

(41.2) SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS UNDER THE EXTERNAL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

(41.2a) Public Relations

* Contact and search out Youth Ministry in the relevant Diocese.

* Introduce the Eucharistic Youth Ministry with the relevant Diocese to ask for support.

* Establish good relationship with other organizations and fellow chapters.

(42.2b) Congress: (only at the National level)

* Research and propose plans for organizing periodic congresses. (see Art. 58, 59, 60)

* Implement the common decisions aimed at preparing for the relevant congress.

* Contact with the World Eucharistic Youth Organizing Committee to exchange information.

* Prepare plans and delegation to participate in the World Eucharistic Youth Congress held once every four years.

* Introduce the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement to the Catholic Council of various countries.

(41.2c) Contact Person for Assistants and Parents:

* Research and propose plans for activities with Assistants and Parents of Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant level.

* Implement the programs of activities related to the Assistants and the Parents of Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant level.

* Coordinate and initiate the task of recruiting Assistants as well as establishing the Parents Association at the relevant Eucharistic Youth entity. (see Art. 9, 15.6, 18.3, 22.3, 26.3, 32).

(41.2d) Nghĩa Binh Friends & Eucharistic Youth:

* Contact and establish list of former Nghĩa Binh and Eucharistic Youth members at the relevant entity.

* Announce progress, news, and activities of Eucharistic Youth Movement to former Nghĩa Binh and Eucharistic Youth members at the relevant entity.

* Coordinate and seek method for action for former Nghĩa Binh and Eucharistic Youth members at the relevant entity.

(41.2e) Social:

* Research, propose and implement social Apostolic work, such as visiting retirement homes, the sick, juvenile delinquents...

* Research programs for supporting Eucharistic Youth chapters in and outside the country.

* Initiate campaigns or programs of charity during important times of the year.

* Support on occasions of consolation at the relevant entity. (see Art. 74, 75, 76)

(41.2g) Sports: (if present)

* Coordinate and organize friendly sports events among the relevant entities.

* Research and propose exercise programs or sports activities appropriate to the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant entity.

* Encourage and promote formation of sports teams at the relevant entity.

* Create opportunities for the improvement of young sports talents at the relevant entity.

(41.2h) Entertainment: (if present)

* Coordinate and organize entertainment activities at the relevant entity.

- * Research and propose entertainment acts appropriate for the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant entity.
- * Encourage and establish entertainment groups and choirs for the Eucharistic Youth Movement at the relevant entity.
- * Create opportunities for the improvement of young entertainment talents.

(41.3) SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS UNDER THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF TRAINING:

Leaders of the 4 Branches: Hiệp Sĩ, Nghĩa Sĩ, Thiếu and Ấu:

- * Along with the Assistant Director in charge of Training, research, collect, and plan training and activity documents for the Branch at the relevant entity.
- * Explore the state of activity of the local Branch and make proposals to the relevant higher changes for the purpose of updating.
- * Research and coordinate programs of training and specialized activities for the Leader or Members at the relevant entity.
- * Collaborate with the Chaplain in charge of Training and Assistant Director in charge of Training in organizing desert training experiences for Leaders or Members at the relevant entity.

Chapter 5

CONDITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF LEADERS

Article 42: Sub-Group Leader

- * At least 18 years old for Ấu and Thiếu Branches, at least 20 years old for Nghĩa Branch.
- * Certified as Leader for Level II and above.
- * Has been active at least 6 months in the Sub-Group.
- * Appointed by the relevant Chaplain based on recommendation of the Leadership Council.

(See also Art. 33)

Article 43: Branch Leader

(43.1) Ấu/Thiếu/Nghĩa Branch Leader:

- * At least 21 years old.
- * Certified as Leader for Level II and above.
- * Has served as Leader in the Chapter for at least one year.
- * Appointed by the relevant Chaplain based on recommendation of the Leadership Council.

(43.2) Hiệp Sĩ Branch:

* Sub-group Leader, Assistant Sub-group Leader, Branch Leader, Assistant Branch Leader of Hiệp Sĩ Branch must participate in the Desert Training Experience for Hiệp Sĩ Leaders organized by the relevant Training Committee after being elected.

- * Approved by the relevant Chaplain after being elected.

(See also Art. 34)

Article 44: Chapter Director

- * At least 22 years old.
- * Must have Certificate of Completion of Leadership Course Level III and above.
- * Has served as Leader in the Chapter for at least one year.
- * Approved by the Chapter Chaplain after elected.

Article 45: Inter-Chapter

- * At least 24 years old for the position of Inter-chapter Director.
- * At least 21 years old for all other positions.
- * Has been a member of the Chapter Managing Committee or higher positions.
- * Inter-Chapter Director and Assistant Director must have Certificate of Completion of Leadership Course III. Other Special Committee Chairs must be certified as having ability of Leadership Level II.
- * Assistant Director in charge of Training must have Certificate of Completion of Mid-level Training Officer Course; other Training Committee Members must have Certificate of Completion of Beginning Level Training Officer Course.
- * Approved by the General National Chaplain after elected.

(Article 46,47 Missing)

Chapter 6

TRAINING

Article 48: Members

(48.1) To help Members continually and effectively improve, Eucharistic Youth Movement designed Levels for each Branch. Theoretical and practical lessons for each level presented in the “Program for Improvement of Members” planned by the Training Committee consist of: (see Art. 55)

- * Scriptures
- * Faith Life/Catechism
- * Reflections on the Word
- * Movement
- * Culture
- * Special topics/Activities

The Program for Improvement of Members is updated based on need and situation.

(48.2) Members of the Áu Nhi, Thiểu Nhi, and Nghĩa Branches are placed in four consecutive levels: pre-Level, Level I, Level II, and level III; the pre-Level (pre-Áu) is not mandatory, but depends on need and the local situation. Each Level lasts one year. To progress to the next level, after passing a test, Members may wear level emblems in a promotion ceremony determined and organized by the relevant Leaders.

(Article 48: see also Art. 12, 57.2)

Article 49: Leaders

(49.1) Leaders of each level must undergo a Desert Training Experience and will be awarded a Certificate of Completion for those who have successfully completed the program. The training program, form of activities, training content, and conditions for participation are outlined in the “Training Guidelines” prepared by the Central Committee in charge of Training and approved for use by the National Leadership Council.

(49.2) All Desert Training Experiences must be implemented according to the Training Guidelines. The Directors of the Training Committee or Desert Experience Directors must be responsible for the training criteria and the results from the desert experience.

Article 50: Training Officer and Expert Leader

According to need, the Central Committee in charge of Training will open Desert Experiences to form Training Officers for the various levels and for Expert Leaders. The training program, form of activities, training content, and conditions for participation are outlined in the “Training Guidelines” prepared by the Central Committee in charge of Training and approved for use by the National Leadership Council.

Chapter 7

ACTIVITIES

Article 51: Education through Activities

The Eucharistic Youth Movement utilizes education methods that are appropriate to the situation and environment in order to train members, especially through the following activities

(See Art. 7, 8)

Article 52: Eucharistic Day

Members always strive to live a life of sacred thoughts, words, and deeds in union with the Eucharistic Christ so that each day becomes a “Eucharistic Day”. Offering up the day, Attending Mass, Receiving Communion or Spiritual Communion, Reciting the Rosary, Visiting the Tabernacle, Making Sacrifice, carrying out personal responsibilities and charity work...are traditional works of the Eucharistic Day.

(See also Art. 4, 6.2)

Article 53: Spiritual Bouquet

Implementing and recording the Spiritual Bouquet is a spiritual education method aimed at helping the members to increase their religious zeal; therefore, the members should carry out this task each day honestly and consistently.

(See also Art. 6.10, 7.2, 40.6)

Article 54: Scriptures and Church Magisterium

The Word of God in the Scriptures and the Church magisterium are the basis and source of documents for member formation. Reading, learning, sharing, and doing the Word of God as well as following and carrying out the teachings of the Church are means of perfecting the interior life and developing the character of the Eucharistic Youth; so that he/she becomes a more perfect Christian.

(See also Art. 3, 5.1, 6.1, 48.1)

Article 55: Program for Improvement of Members

Program for Improvement of Members is the educational course plan of the Eucharistic Youth Movement, prepared according to Branch, and divided according to level. The subjects consist of:

* Education focused on the supernatural dimension: Scriptures, Faith life/Catechism, Scriptural Reflection...

* Education focused on the natural dimension: Movement, Culture, Special topics, Activities.

All activities pertaining to training and exams for members must be in accordance with the Program for Improvement of Members.

Article 56: Into the Desert

God led the Israelites into the desert for 40 years to teach them about a monotheistic religion. They lived in tents and beside the tabernacle in the wilderness, underwent tests in their faithfulness as well as living with many things lacking. The Eucharistic Youth Movement also utilizes the “into the desert” method to train and educate its members.

(See also Art. 29.4, 30.3, 30.4, 49, 50)

Article 57: Meetings/Gatherings

(57.1) Meeting is an important activity of the Eucharistic Youth Movement in order to make plans as well as evaluate activities and to train members.

(57.2) Member Meeting: Team and Sub-group meetings are two regular activities that are important for the training of members. The content of the training must be in accordance with the “Program for Improvement of Members”. Branch and Chapter meetings usually have the purpose of promulgating and evaluating activities. (see Art. 48)

(57.3) Chapter Leadership Council meets at least once a month in order to evaluate the spirit within the Chapter and prepare the program of activities for the following month.

(57.4) Inter-Chapter or Regional Leadership Council meets at least once a year in order to prepare the program of activities, summarize activities and discuss related matters.

(57.5) National Leadership Council meets at least once a year in order to decide upon method and program of activities nationwide.

(57.6) Committee in charge of Training and Executive Committee of the Central Council, Regional Council, and Inter-Chapter Council meet at least once a year as needed in order to discuss and initiate program of activities.

(57.7) Groups, Committees, and Branches from the Central level to the local level should meet regularly as needed.

Article 58: Leaders Congress

(58.1) Inter-Chapter: once a year.

(58.2) Region: once every two years.

(58.3) National: once every three years.

Article 59: Eucharistic Youth Friendship Gatherings

Organized once every four years (on the occasion of the Vietnamese Catholic Congress organized by various Regions).

Article 60: World Eucharistic Congress

To unite with the Universal Church in Jesus through the Eucharist, Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement will pray and organize a delegation to participate in the World Eucharistic Congress taking place once every four years.

(See also Art. 41.2b)

Article 61: Tasks, Campaigns

In order to bring ideals into real life, Eucharistic Youth Movement has regular and irregular tasks and campaigns, especially those related to social charity, appropriate for the youth and creates beneficial effects in the living environment of the youth.

Article 62: Ignatian Exercises, Retreat Seminars

Each year, members and leaders in the Eucharistic Youth Movement need to participate in Ignatian Exercise retreats or Retreat Seminars in order to develop one's interior life, balance one's personal life, and improve one's religious spirit.

Chapter 8

ADMINISTRATION, PUBLICATIONS, FINANCE

Article 63: Administrative System

The Administrative System is an important factor in maintaining unity; therefore, all administrative paperwork are printed at the central office, and the entities must utilize these prepared models. The Administrative System connects from the Central level to the Regional level, from the Regional level to the Inter-Chapter/Independent Chapter level, and from Inter-Chapter level to the Chapter level, and vice-versa.

Article 64: Chapter

- * Implement and store the relevant documents.
- * In January of each year, 4 copies of a report on the state of the Chapter must be made: one to remain in Chapter records, and three for the Inter-Chapter. Independent Chapters must send their report to the Region.
- * Report to the Inter-Chapter (or Region if Independent Chapter) and request officialization of new Chapter Managing Committee after each term or request for ceremony of Leader promotion.

Article 65: Inter-Chapter

- * Implement and store the relevant documents.
- * In February of each year, 3 copies of a report summarizing the state of the Inter-Chapter must be made: one to remain in Inter-Chapter records, and two to be sent the Region along with two copies of the Chapter reports.
- * Report to the Region and request officialization of new Inter-Region Executive Committee after each term.
- * Prepare documents to officialize establishment of new Chapters within the Inter-Chapter.
- * Direct promotion ceremonies and hand out certificates, *khan quang*, and insignia for pre-Leaders and Level I Leaders.
- * Provide appointment documents and *Leader emblems (???)* for Leaders from the level of Inter-Chapter down.

Article 66: Region

- * Implement and store relevant documents.
- * In March of each year, 2 copies of a report summarizing the state of the Region must be made: one to remain in Region records, and one to be sent the Central Office along with one copy of the Inter-Chapter/Independent and one copy of the Chapter reports.
- * Report to the Central office and request for officialization of newly established Independent Chapter and Inter-Chapter in the Region.
- * Prepare documents to officialize establishment of new Independent Chapter and Inter-Chapter in the Region.
- * Direct promotion ceremonies and hand out certificates, *khan quang* (in case of Independent Chapter) and insignia for Leaders from Level II down.
- * Provide appointment documents and shoulder-strap insignia for Leaders from the level of Region down.

Article 67: Central

- * Implement and store relevant documents.
- * Make annual summary reports and present to the National Leadership Council; publish necessary information in the “Towards the Promised Land” magazine or “Raise up Your Hearts” newsletter.
- * Prepare documents to officialize the establishment of new Regions as well as new Regional Executive Committees after each term.
- * Direct promotion ceremonies and hand out certificates of completion, *khan quang*, and insignia for Leaders of the various levels, especially Leaders of Level III, Expert Leaders, and Training Officers of various levels.
- * Provide appointment documents and shoulder-strap insignia for Leaders of the National level.

Article 68: Signatures

Letters and paperwork related to administrative matters will be signed by the relevant individuals. Official letters and documents must be viewed and signed by the relevant Chaplains.

Article 69: Publications

(69.1) “Towards the Promised Land” Magazine and “Raise up Your Hearts” Newsletter are official channels of communication, activity, and training of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States.

(69.2) According to need, the various entities may produce training documents and newsletters aimed at promoting relevant activities.

Article 70: Finance

To achieve an annual budget for activities, the Movement needs to have contribution and collection campaigns, or fundraising activities according to the decision of the National Leadership Council.

(70.1) Annual Fees

- * Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement members must contribute an annual fee of at least 12 USD (may change according to currency values).
- * The amount of contribution will be divided as follows:
 - Chapters (where there is Inter-Chapter):
Chapter – 50%

Inter-Chapter – 15%

Region – 15%

Central – 20%

- Independent Chapter:

Chapter – 50%

Region – 20%

Central – 25%

* The Chapters sending the contributions to the Inter-Chapter, Region, and Central offices must do so by the end of February of each year at the latest.

(70.2) Contribution Campaigns:

* To be held annually on the Feast of Corpus Christi; the Chapters will collect money to assist the Eucharistic Youth Movement. The money collected will be divided as follows:

Chapter – 50%

Central – 50%

* A day's wage for the Movement: Each year, the Leader, Assistant, Assistant Chaplains, and Chaplains are called to voluntarily contribute a day's wage to the Movement.

* The Movement may initiate contribution campaigns each year as needed.

Article 71: Office of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth in the United States

The Office of the Eucharistic Youth Movement, usually called the Regular Central Office, is headed by the National Leadership Council. Independent in its management of finance and personnel, the Regular Office will develop and distribute all property and documents of the Eucharistic Youth Movement nationwide according to the decision of the National Leadership Council.

(71.1) Non-Profit

Financial Support for official activities of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States.

(71.2) Business Entity

Direct and control according to the items and tax regulations of the relevant governmental body.

Chapter 9

ELECTION AND DISMISSAL

Article 72: Election

(72.1) In order to be chosen into leadership positions, the Leader must undergo a popular and secret election.

(72.2) To win an election, the candidate must meet the following criteria:

* Receive the majority (1/2) of votes in the first round.

* If no candidate receives the majority of votes in the first round, the two candidates with the highest percentage of votes will be chosen for a second round of voting. In case of a tie between the two candidates in the second round, the relevant Chaplain will decide upon the winner.

(72.3) Beside meeting the requirements for leadership position, the Leader before being included in the list of nominees must:

- * Be approved by the relevant Chaplain.
- * Have mature manners, conduct, and good reputation.

Article 73: Dismissal

(73.1) Members who have actions damaging to the reputation or property of the Movement will be disciplined according to degree of seriousness as follows:

- * Individual advice (by the relevant Chaplain)
- * Public Warning (by the relevant Council)
- * Dismissal (by the relevant Council)

(73.2) Prior to dismissal, the member must be defended through a fair, transparent, and public hearing (see Art 29.3).

(73.3) In case of disagreements with the relevant leaders, members may appeal to higher levels for resolution.

Chapter 10:

PRAYERS, MOURNING/CELEBRATION

Article 74: Praying for Benefactors and Members

Each year, the Eucharistic Youth Movement makes the Spiritual Bouquet to pray for benefactors and all members, especially:

(74.1) The General Chaplain Priest will celebrate two Masses on the occasion of the New Year and the Feast of Corpus Christi to pray for benefactors and members both living and dead.

(74.2) The Chaplains of the various levels will celebrate one Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi to pray for benefactors and members both living and dead.

Article 75: Mourning

When a member of the Eucharistic Youth Movement or a parent of a member passes away, the relevant entity has the responsibility to request Mass intentions and make visits to give condolences. Funeral attendance takes place according to need and the situation.

Article 76: Celebrations

When a member of the Eucharistic Youth gets married, ordained, or makes religious vows, the relevant entity has the responsibility of attending the celebration, present gifts, and send congratulations.

Article 77: Mutual Support

When a member of the Eucharistic Youth Movement faces an accident or serious illness, the relevant entity has the responsibility of making visits and providing solace.

Chapter 11

CONCLUSION

Article 78: Amendment

The articles of the Rules may be amended in order to implement the purpose set forth by the National Leadership Council. Amendments must be approved by a decisive majority (2/3 plus 1).

Article 79: Authority of Explanation

In case of ambiguity with the articles in these Rules, only the President of the National Leadership Council (General Chaplain) has the authority to explain and interpret.

Article 80: Process of Amending

- * These Rules were discussed and approved in the National Leadership Congress of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States, held at the Vietnamese Catholic Center, Orange Diocese, California, on 27-29 December, 1990.
- * These Rules were last inspected and amended by the Central Leadership Council at the Central Office of the Eucharistic Youth Movement in Atlanta, GA, USA, on 04-07 January 1993.
- * These Rules were amended and changed by the Rules Amendment Committee in accordance with the spirit of the National Leadership Council 2006 on 29-30 March 2006 at the Regular Office in Garden Grove, CA and was presented to the National Leadership Council on at.....

Article 81: Effect

These Rules are effective and officially applied throughout the United States as of signed date. Any contradictions and differences compared to the old Rules must be changed and these new Rules must be followed.

California,2006-10-21

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