

PRINCIPLES FOR GROUPS

Wherever and whenever two or more members are gathered (Convocations, retreats, Bible studies, regional meetings, display tables, etc.), we ask that these Principles be remembered:



- (1) Each person of the group will honor and adhere to the Principles for Individuals. Principles must come before personalities.
- (2) Our spiritual journeys are dependent upon unity within the Community. This does not mean uniformity, but respect for differences as we pursue a common cause in knowing, loving, and serving God in our own unique way.
- (3) The ultimate authority in all our activities and decisions is the love of God. Our Guardians and Council can provide guidance in a collaborative manner as needed.
- (4) Each group has one primary purpose – to build a better relationship with God that leads to the discovery of our inner true self. We strive to nurture our soul and the souls of others.
- (5) Groups may focus on specific, local spiritual needs, but must work with the Guardian on matters that affect the Community as a whole. The Charism of the Community of the Gospel should not be compromised in any way.
- (6) No group should ever endorse, finance, or lend the Community's name to any outside organization, cause, or purpose without consent of the Guardian of this Community.
- (7) All financial contributions should be send to the Mother House or Treasurer as soon as possible. No contributions will be accepted from any person, organization, or government institution that could compromise the mission, purpose, or Charism of the Community.
- (8) The Community of the Gospel avoids political endorsements. Individual members may engage in specific causes or events, but must not do so in the name of the Community unless approved by the Guardian.
- (9) The marketing policy of the Community is based on awareness and attraction. Promotional materials and external communications need to be approved by the Guardian and/or Council to ensure consistency of message.
- (10) Any member may gently and respectfully remind the group of these Principles and the Principles for Individuals if and when it is appropriate to do so.