

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL – KUWAIT CORE GROUPS

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

- A. Each Prayer Group should have Core Group, which comprises of the **Core Group Leader, Deputy Leader** and other **members**. The Core Group will be function under the guidance of the **Spiritual Director** who is appointed by H.L. **The Bishop**.
- B. The Core Group should not exceed 7 (seven) members excluding the Spiritual Director. The Core group should adhere to the guidelines of the Catholic Church and should be represented on the KNST by two of its members (**The Core Group Leader & Deputy/any other member of the Core group**).
- C. Every year after the 1st Week of Easter, the Core Group members whose term of service is completed are replaced by new members from the prayer group. This will be done in consultation with the current Core Group & Spiritual Director.
- D. The Core Group members along with their Spiritual Director should meet every week. The Core Group Leader/Spiritual Director can call additional meetings whenever the need arises.
- E. There should be a book or a file to record the minutes of meetings.

PURPOSE

- A. The Core Group is responsible for co-coordinating the activities in their respective Prayer Groups with the aim of instructing and guiding others in the Faith and Teachings of the Catholic Church.
- B. The Core Group Leader along with the Deputy/any one Member from the Core Group should attend the KNST meetings held in the 1st week of every month. It is their responsibility to put forward their Core Groups suggestions, observations or problems faced in their prayer groups. They should then give a feedback of the KNST meeting at their next Core Group meeting.

REQUIREMENT TO BE A CORE GROUP MEMBER

- A. Members should be actively involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for at least 2 years after having completed the “**Life in the Spirit Seminar**”
- B. The Member should be of **sound character** and **qualities mentioned in Timothy 3: 1-13**
- C. Husband/Wife, Father/Mother, Son/Daughter, Brother/Sister, Uncle/Aunty in other words direct or indirect relations cannot be members of the same Core Group during the same Term.

TERM OF OFFICE

Core Group Leader: Two years

Deputy Leader: One year

Other members of the Core: Two Years (from the date of joining)

At no instances should the term of 2 years finish for all the Core Group Members at the same time

THE CORE GROUP LEADER

- A. The position for the Core Group Leader will be **elected by secret ballot**. Those eligible to vote will comprise of the **Spiritual Director, Outgoing Core Group Leader, Outgoing Deputy Core Group Leader** along with the other members of the **present Core Group**.
- B. Those eligible to be elected to the position of Core Group Leader should be Senior Members who has already been in the Core Group for more than 1 year and not a new member who has just been inducted into the Core.
- C. A few of the **qualities The Core Group Leaders** should have are as follows:
 - Should be an example of Godliness
 - Should have communication abilities
 - Should be able to organize and coordinate
 - Should develop and train others
 - Consult the other Core Group members on decision making
- D. When the position of the Core Group Leader becomes vacant, the Deputy Core Group leader assumes this position till the rest of the term, after which fresh elections will be held.

THE DEPUTY CORE GROUP LEADER

- A. The position of the Deputy Core Group Leader will be elected by secret ballot. Those eligible to vote will comprise the Spiritual Director, along with the members of the Current Group.
- B. The Deputy Core Group Leader should be a member who has already been in the current Core Group for over one year.
- C. The term of the Deputy Core Group Leader should be for a period of one year, after which he/she can be re-elected if necessary. This is done so that there are more than one Deputy to fill in the gap of the Core Group Leader if there is need.
- D. Should the Position of the Deputy Core Group Leaders becomes vacant, the Core Group Leader along with the Spiritual Director should be responsible for electing a new Deputy Leader from the members of the current Core Group.

SECRETARY

- A. Any member on the Core Group can be elected to be the Secretary.
- B. The Secretary will be responsible for recording the minutes of the meetings.
- C. The term for this position will be for 2 years. Should the Secretary complete his/her term in the Core Group then the Core Group leader should elect a new Secretary from within the members of the current Core Group.

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