

Gambling

(A Brief Statement of Diocesan Policy)

The Diocese of Los Angeles does not find acceptable the use of gambling by any parish, mission or institution of the Diocese as a way of raising funds. Despite the one-time attractiveness that such a means might seem to have, raffles, games of chance and the like are in the long run detrimental to the spirit of Christian giving and sacrificial stewardship which we seek to foster throughout the Diocese.

On occasion, when the offering of a door prize or a raffle is, in spirit and letter, clearly recreational, any gain to be made insignificant and not intended for fund-raising purposes, there is no objection to such activities for fun. This however, should be done with the understanding that the lay or clergy leader or group in charge of the event will take clear responsibility to see that such activity is but occasional and is suited to the spirit and letter of this statement.