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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed on Church premises at agape meals, wedding receptions, official church receptions and other special events. Prior approval must be obtained from the Rector.
2. Alcoholic beverages to be consumed on Church premises are normally limited to wine, champagne, and beer.
3. Applicable federal, state and local laws, and Diocesan guidelines are to be observed, including the prohibition against serving to minors.
4. Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be identified.
5. Food must be served at any function where alcohol is served.
6. Non-alcoholic alternatives must be offered that have equal attractiveness and accessibility.
7. The serving of alcoholic beverages must not be used or publicized as an attraction of the occasion or event.
8. The sponsor(s) of any occasion or event (parish, outside organization or individual) must agree, as a condition to approval, to provide transportation or other needed care for anyone who becomes incapacitated due to alcohol consumption.
9. The sponsor(s) also must agree to remove or have removed from the church premises any unconsumed alcoholic beverages immediately following the event.
10. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Rector.