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## CONSOLIDATED TEXT

# STATUTE OF "COMUNITA REGINA DELLA PACE" ASSOCIATION

# CHAPTER I

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### §1

- 1. "COMUNITA REGINA DELLA PACE" Association, hereinafter referred to as "the Association", is a voluntary union of persons following in their lives Christian faith and ethics, rooted in the teachings and the Tradition of the Catholic Church.
- 2. The Association is autonomous, durable, and non-profit union, encompassing with its activity the territory of Poland. For the proper realization of its goals, the Association may carry out its activity outside of the Republic of Poland.
- 3. Due to the fact that the name of "COMUNITA REGINA DELLA PACE" Association derives from the Italian language, an Italian spelling "COMUNITÀ REGINA DELLA PACE" is admitted.

§2

The Association's seat is Radom.

§3

The Association operates pursuant to Law on Associations Act of 7 April 1989 (Journal of Law from 2001, No. 79, item 855 with amendments) and the present Statute; based on this, it has a legal personality.

The Association may become member of domestic and international organizations with convergent goals.

§5

The Association may conduct economic activities according to general principles provided by other legal regulations. Proceeds from economic activities of the Association serve to realize its statutory goals and may not be shared among the members of the Association.

§6

The activity of the Association is based on voluntary work of its members. In order to conduct its statutory activities, the Association may employ workers.

§7

The Association may use a flag and organization badges.

# CHAPTER II

# THE GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MEANS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

## §8

The goals of the Association are:

- 1. An international apostolate of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace and reconciliation in the world.
- 2. Actions aimed at fostering peace and reconciliation among people of different nationalities, religious denominations and cultures.
- 3. Protection of life from conception to natural death.
- 4. Social education regarding building human relations on mutual respect, acceptance and tolerance.
- 5. Fulfilment of St. John Paul II the Pilgrim of Peace spiritual legacy and the Servant of God Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński's spiritual legacy, by building peace and reconciliation among people.
- 6. Dissemination and propagation of the devotion to Divine Mercy.
- 7. Fostering and maintaining friendly relations among believers of different religions.

8. Charity works.

§9

The Association achieves its goals by:

- 1. Carrying out the spiritual Work of "The 12 Stars in the Crown of Mary, Queen of Peace", the Work of "The Stars on the Mantle of Mary Queen of Peace" and the Apostolate of Peace.
- 2. Inspiring and initiating setting up in the world 12 Chapels of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Peace as International Centers of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation.
- 3. Initiating and setting up places of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace on all continents.
- 4. Organising international voluntary work and local prayer groups fostering adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace.
- 5. Gaining financial and material support for creating, ongoing maintenance and development of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace within the Work of "The 12 Stars" and "The Stars on the Mantle of Mary Queen of Peace".
- 6. Spiritual and material support of volunteers of prayer for peace in their spiritual mission.
- 7. Informative, promotional and educational activities aimed at building mutual human relations based on mutual respect and tolerance.
- 8. Cooperation with other organizations and institutions and believers of other religions aimed at achieving the statutory goals.
- 9. Conducting activities that foster integration of members of the Association through supporting all kinds of organizational activity, religious zeal, organizing pilgrimages, meetings and events of cultural and social character. Documentary and publishing activity.
- 10. Propagation of mission and aims of the Association during religious events.

#### CHAPTER THREE

#### MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### §10

The Association's members are divided in:

- 1. Ordinary members
- 2. Supporting members
- 3. Honorary members

- 1. An ordinary member may be:
  - 1. a Polish citizen, who has full capacity to conduct legal transactions, who realizes the purposes and tasks of the Association
  - 2. a foreigner residing on the territory of the Republic of Poland, who realizes the purposes and tasks of the Association
  - 3. a foreigner not residing on the territory of the Republic of Poland, who realizes the purposes and tasks of the Association
- 2. A supporting member may be a natural person or legal person who declares support for the purposes and tasks of the Association and assistance in their achievement.
- 3. A honorary member may be a natural person who contributed in an outstanding manner in the development of the idea of the Association or who has particular merits in the achievement of the purposes of the Association.

- 1. The ordinary members and supporting members shall be admitted by the resolution of the Board of Association, based on a written declaration, by an ordinary majority of votes.
- 2. Conferring the title of the honorary member shall be effected by the Board by way of a resolution adopted unanimously.

- 1. An ordinary member has the right to:
  - 1. Active and passive participation in the elections to all kinds of authority in the Association.
  - 2. Participate in the works of the Association.
  - 3. Propose motions to the authorities of the Association regarding all matters concerning activities of the Association and its organizational matters.
  - 4. Access to information regarding matters undertaken by the authorities of the Association.
- 2. An ordinary member is obliged to:
  - 1. Support and actively realize the goals and tasks of the Association.
  - 2. Comply with the provisions of the Statute and the resolutions of the authorities of the Association.
  - 3. Care for the good name of the Association.
  - 4. Actively participate in the sessions of the Association.
  - 5. Pay membership fees in amount defined by the General Assembly of the Members of the Association.

- A supporting member has the rights of the ordinary member defined in §13, section 1, items 2-4.
- 2. A supporting member does not have the right to vote in the General Assembly of the Members of the Association.
- 3. A supporting member is obliged to:
  - a) Popularize and morally support the goals and initiatives of the Association.
  - b) Care for the good name of the Association.
  - c) Comply with the provisions of the Statute and the resolutions of the authorities of the Association.
  - d) Fulfil the declared commitments.

- A honorary member has the rights of an ordinary member as defined in §13, section 1, items 2-4.
- 2. A honorary member is obliged to care for the good name of the Association.

## §16

Losing membership in the Association takes place by way of:

- 1) Willful withdrawal submitted in written to the Board of the Association.
- 2) Exclusion by the resolution of the Board:
  - a) Due to the activity which contravenes the Statute of the Association.
  - b) Due to the activity which contravenes the resolutions of the authorities of the Association.
  - c) Due to the absence of payment of membership fees during the period of at least 6 months.
  - d) Due to losing one's public rights as a result of a final conviction.
  - e) Losing one's legal capacity.
- 3) Member's death.
- Depriving a honorary member his title by way of a resolution of the General Assembly of the Members of the Association;

- 1. A deletion from the list of members shall take effect on the date of adopting the resolution by the Board.
- The Board shall notify the person concerned about the fact of the exclusion from the Association by written communication accompanied by a justification and admonishment which is open to appeal.
- 3. The member has the right to appeal from the resolution of the Board within at least 21 days prior to the date of the General Assembly. The resolution of the General Assembly is final.

## CHAPTER IV

## THE AUTHORITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

## §18

The authorities of the Association are:

- 1. The General Assembly
- 2. The Board
- 3. The Supervising Agency

#### §19

The term of office of all the authorities of the Association shall be four (4) years.

- 1. The elections to the authorities of the Association shall be in a secret ballot.
- 2. During their term of office, the members of the authorities may be dismissed in the same manner as they are elected.
- By-election shall be held when the number of members of a given authority decreases by over 50%.

- 1. The resolutions of the authorities of the Association shall be adopted by the ordinary majority of votes.
- 2. The resolutions shall be adopted in an open vote, with exception of the situation when:
  - 1. A secret ballot is demanded by one fifth of the present;
  - 2. Provisions of this Statute provide so.

#### A. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### §21

- 1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme governing body of the Association and shall decide in all matters not reserved by the Statute to other authorities.
- 2. The General Assembly shall be replaced by the Assembly of Delegates if the number of the ordinary members exceeds 150 persons.
- 3. The Delegates to the Assembly of Delegates shall be elected during sessions especially convened for this purpose and they shall be one delegate for three ordinary members. The term of office of delegates shall be four (4) years.
- 4. The provisions of §19 apply respectively to the delegates.

§22

The competences of the General Assembly are in particular:

- 1. Adopting the activity plan of the Association.
- 2. Examination and approval of the reports of the Board and the Supervising Agency.
- 3. Adopting the rules of deliberations of the General Assembly.
- 4. Granting discharge to the outgoing Board.
- 5. Election of the members of the Board and the Supervising Agency.
- 6. Adopting amendments to the Statute.
- 7. Adopting a resolution about the dissolution of the Association.
- 8. Examining appeals to the resolutions of the Board filed by the members of the Association.
- 9. Adopting resolutions about the amount of the membership fees and payments made by the members for the Association .
- 10. Adopting resolutions regarding the scope and forms of the economic and social activities conducted by the Association.
- 11. Examining the complaints of the members of the Association regarding the activities of the Board.

#### §23

 All the ordinary members, or plenipotentiaries appointed by them, shall participate in the General Assembly with the right to vote. Other members may participate with the right to file motions.

- 2. Each member has a right to one vote.
- 3. The Members of the Association with the right to vote may be represented at the General Assembly by plenipotentiaries appointed from among ordinary members.
- 4. Power of attorney should be issued in written under pain of nullity.

- 1. The General Assembly is convened at least once a year.
- 2. The General Assembly is convened by the Board on its own initiative or upon a written motion by the Supervising Agency or of the one fifth of ordinary members.
- 3. In the case of the motion mentioned in section 2, the Board is obliged to convene the General Assembly not later than within 30 days as of the date of receipt of the motion.
- 4. The date of the General Assembly as well as the place and the agenda shall be informed in the notification sent at least 14 days prior to the date, and:
  - 1. The first date of deliberations shall be informed and the second date, half an hour later than the first one.
  - 2. The General Assembly began in the first date shall be capable of making resolutions if at least 50% of those entitled to participate with the right to vote, participates in it.
  - 3. The General Assembly began in the second date shall be capable of adopting resolutions irrespective of the number of the present with the right to vote.
- 5. The resolutions of sections 2-4 apply respectively to the Assembly of Delegates.

#### §25

The resolutions of the General Assembly regarding amendments in the Statute, dissolution of the Association, dismissal of the Board are adopted by 2/3 majority voting.

#### B. THE BOARD

- 1. The Board is an executive body of the Association.
- The Board is comprised of the President of the Board, 4 Vice-Presidents of the Board and 4 Members of the Board who are appointed and dismissed by the General Assembly from among the ordinary members of the Association.

- 1. The activities of the Board are directed by the President who convenes Board meetings and presides over them, and in case of his absence, Vice-President of the Board, appointed by him presides over.
- 2. The President is obliged to convene a Board meeting within 7 days on a written motion of at least 3 members of the Board.
- 3. The Board adopts resolutions during Board meetings.
- 4. For the validity of the resolutions of the Board, the presence of at least 50 % of its members in a session is required.

Two members of the Board acting jointly, one of them being the President or the Vice-President, are authorised to make declarations of will on behalf of the Association, including those concerning financial matters.

§29

The tasks of the Board are:

- 1. Achievement of the goals and tasks of the Association and the resolutions of the General Assembly.
- 2. Directing the current activities of the Association.
- 3. Representing the Association and acting on its behalf.
- 4. Summoning the General Assemblies and meetings of the members.
- 5. Establishing, dissolution and supervision of local branches.
- 6. Presenting reports to the General Assembly.
- 7. Admitting new members to the Association.
- 8. Appointing and dismissal of the Ecclesiastical Assistant.

C. THE SUPERVISING AGENCY

- 1. The Supervising Agency is comprised of 3 members elected by the General Assembly from among an unlimited number of candidates.
- 2. The Supervising Agency elects from among themselves the chairman and the secretary.
- 3. For the validity of the resolutions of the Supervising Agency the presence of at least half of its members in a session is required.

The tasks of the Supervising Agency are:

- 1. Examining the activities of the Board that is, in accordance with the legal regulations, the provisions of the Statute and the resolutions of the General Meeting
- 2. Controlling the finances of the Association and its economic activities.
- Presenting to the General Assembly the reports and motions regarding granting discharge to the Board.

- In the place of the members of the Board or the Supervising Agency of the Association whose membership terminated, until the end of the term of office, persons are admitted in the way of co-optation. The co-optation is executed by remaining members of an organ whose composition was decreased. In this mode, not more than a half of the composition of the organ can be appointed.
- 2. A resolution regarding the Board or the Supervising Agency complementation in mode defined in section 1 shall be presented at the nearest General Assembly. The General Assembly can repeal a resolution of the Board or of the Supervising Agency by a majority of 2/3 votes. The General Assembly is obliged to put to vote a resolution concerning an annulment of a resolution of the Board or the Supervising Agency regarding the co-optation if at least one of the members of the Association present at the General Assembly submits a motion of taking such a resolution. The information about changes in the Board or in the Supervising Agency performed in mode defined in section 1, shall be communicated to the members of the Association by the President of the Board.
- 3. Expiry of the mandate of the member of the Board or the Supervising Agency takes place in case of:
  - Cessation of membership in the Association of the member who performs a function in the Board or in the Supervising Agency.

- 2. Withdrawal from performing the function in the Board or in the Supervising Agency.
- 3. Dismissal by the General Assembly.
- 4. Death.

## CHAPTER V

## PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### §33

Property of the Association is formed from member contributions, donations, legacies, inheritances, the proceeds of its activities, income from the property of the Association, and public support.

#### §34

The capital and the property of the Association are managed by the Board.

#### §35

Proceeds from economic activities shall be assigned to the statutory activities of the Association.

#### CHAPTER VI

#### THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### §36

- 1. The Association dissolves by way of the resolution of the General Assembly.
- 2. The General Assembly makes a resolution about the purpose of property of liquidation.

## §37

In matters concerning the dissolution and liquidation of the Association not governed by the Statute, the provisions of the Act of 7 April 1989: Law on Associations (Journal of Law from 2001, No. 79, item 855 with amendments) are binding.