

Additional Policies to Note

Music Licensing

You are not allowed to print music lyrics onto song sheets if you do not have the right to do so. I have heard of several parish events in the diocese where this became an issue. I would recommend that you speak with the music minister to see what company your parish uses for hymnals, songbooks, and if you have access to any other music libraries. If you do not have a music minister and nobody on your parish staff can assist you with this, then you may want to contact www.CCLI.com to inquire about your options.

Showing Movies at Events and Copyright Licenses

There are copyright laws governing the showing of a movie outside your home. Showing a video outside your home is considered a public performance and is therefore protected by copyright laws. Even a DVD that you have purchased or rented does not give you permission to show the movie outside of your home. Swank Motion Pictures is a distributor of movies for public performance. You may contact Swank to obtain a license to show the movie. Contacting Swank and purchasing a license will ensure that you are showing the movie at your parish event in a way that is compliant with copyright licensing. Visit this website to find out more and purchase a license: <https://www.swank.com/religious-organizations/copyright/>. A license is needed even if you are not charging admission to attend the event. Saying “for educational purposes” does not make it legal either. Visit this site, <https://www.swank.com/news/ge-need-licensing/>, for helpful information in explaining the need for copyright licensing.