

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. Purchasing a license will ensure that you are showing the movie at your parish event in a way that is compliant with copyright licensing. Even a DVD that you have purchased or rented does not give you permission to show the movie outside of your home.

A license is needed even if you are not charging for the event. Saying “for educational purposes” does not make it legal either. There are different licensing options to choose from:

Church Video License (CVLI) provides a license for churches and other ministry organizations to be able to show many films in a public context – in line with copyright laws. CVLI boasts the most cost effective and convenient ways for churches to be able to show movies. Find out more here: <https://us.cvli.com/about/> They also offer *ScreenVue Vault* with 11,000+ scene ideas and movie clips to augment your ministry gathering or catechetical experience. Find out more here: <https://www.screenvue.com/> Information about CVLI pricing can be found here: <https://us.cvli.com/about/pricing/>

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