

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC GRADUATES AND PROFESSIONALS.

## SECTION 1. NAME AND AFFILIATION

As herein constituted is the official organization mandated by the catholic hierarchy is the official organization mandated by the catholic hierarchy of Sri Lanka for the catholics who have obtained qualifications from the institutes of higher learning the above mentioned movement is affiliated to "International catholic movement for intellectual and cultural affairs" in the catholic church.

## SECTION 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To help the membership live a meaningful life by combining faith and action.
- To promote an intellectual dialogue in the society especially in the cultural, economical Political and technical fields.
- To work for the development of our people and the church by contributing whatever talents that god has given us.
- To work in cooperation with the other movements which are committed to peace and justice, whilst maintaining our own identity.
- To animate the member to live their christian calling in a prophetic way by engaging in faith inspired actions that would eventually lead to a transformation of society

## SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

*Membership is open to*

- All catholics who have obtained qualifications from recognized universities or instituters of other higher learning or tertiary education.
- Any other person who has excelled in any field and so recognized by the executive committee of the movement.
- All members shall have equal voting rights in meetings.

## SECTION 4. CHAPLAIN

Shall be a chaplain appointed by the catholic hierarchy for a specified period determined by the bishops conference.

Shall be responsible for the formation of the membership

Shall advise and give guidance in the activities of the movement.

Shall attend all meetings of the movement

#### SECTIONS 5. OFFICE BEARERS

Here shall be a president vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and an editor of the movement.

All these office bearers shall be elected the members in an annual general meeting of the movement.

The tenure of office of the office bearers shall prevail till the election of new office bearers at annual general meeting.

#### SECTION 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall comprise all the office bearers stated in the section 5 above and four committee members elected by the members in an annual general meeting.

#### SECTION 7. THE PRESIDENT.

I. Shall be the main executive officer of the movement.

II. Shall execute his duties to attain the aims of the movement subject to the conditions stipulated herein and to the decisions of the executive committee of the movement.

III. Shall preside in the meetings of the executive committee and other general meetings of the movement.

IV. Shall have the same right to vote as any member

#### SECTION 8. VICE PRESIDENT

I. Shall assists the president in the activities of the movement

II. Shall preside in the meetings and execute the powers of president in the meetings in the absence of the president

III. Shall be the acting president until such time a new the presidency becomes vacant.

1v. Shall be responsible to convene an annual general meeting

### SECTION 9. THE SECRETARY

1. Shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the movement

11 Shall maintain all the records and reports

111 Shall forward an annual report of the movement to the members before one week of the annual general meeting to be held.

1v. Shall submit a report of the progress of the movement in the executive committee meetings.

v. Shall convene an executive committee meeting at least once a month.

### SECTION 10. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

1. Shall assist the secretary in his activities of the movement.

11. Shall be the acting secretary until such time a new secretary is elected in an annual general meeting in the event of the secretary post becoming vacant.

111. Shall maintain a register of the members of the movement.

### SECTION 11. TREASURES.

1. Shall be responsible for the financial matters of the movement

11. Shall maintain books of income and expenditure of the movement and make available for the perusal of any member of the movement

111. Shall forward a statement of income and expenditure to the annual general meeting or any other meeting at the request of the executive committee. If the total value of the transactions made during the period exceeds more than Rs.2000.000/= statement should be certified by a competent auditor

1v. Shall sign and draw cheque on behalf of the movement from the movement's bank account together with the chaplain for the moneys required for the activities of the movement.

v. Shall endeavor to raise funds for the activities of the movement.

## SECTION 12. THE EDITOR.

1. Shall endeavor to disseminate national and international news and views on subjects relevant obtained from various sources among the membership through whatever possible publications.

## SECTION 13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

i.. Shall have all the powers of the movement except the powers vested exclusively in the annual general meeting of the movement.

ii. Shall endeavor to organism and plan the activities of the movement before it is put to the membership for their approval.

iii. Shall meet at least once a month

iv. The president shall preside at the meetings and the resolutions shall be passed by 2/3 majority of the members present at the committee meeting

vii. The quorum of a committee meeting shall be four

viii. Shall report to the membership and to the annual general meeting of the decision taken by the executive committee and be responsible for the membership for the decisions taken by the committee.

## SECTION 14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

-All powers of the movement shall be vested in the annual general meeting

-There shall be an annual general meeting on or before expiration of twelve calendar months of the previous annual General meeting. If the annual general meeting was not held within fifteen months of the previous annual meeting executive committee or the chaplain shall convene the annual general meeting without delay.

-Any section of this constitution does not intend to extend the tenure of the office of any office bearer to exceed more than fifteen calendar months

-The secretary shall forward the annual report and the treasurer shall forward the financial statements of the period for the adoption of the members

- All office bearers and the committee members shall be elected in the annual general meeting