

# **Saint Louis Gonzaga Church Maronite Young Adults**



## **Constitution & Bylaws**

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Saint Louis Gonzaga Church  
507 Rugter Street  
Utica, NY 13501

**Article 1: Name**

The name of the organization is “Maronite Young Adults of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church” abbreviated as “MYA.”

**Article 2: Purpose**

The Maronite Young Adult (MYA) is a group of Maronite Catholic disciples who try to live the teaching of the Catholic Church and embrace Jesus in their daily lives. By their service, social, and spiritual activities, they seek to live the Gospel of mercy and compassion and grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another.

**Article 3: Membership and Affiliation**

Individuals in the Maronite Young Adult group will be classified as members or affiliates.

**Section 1: Membership**

Members must meet the following age requirement, 18 to 35, and be an active parishioner of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church.

**Subsection 1: New Members**

Individuals who have been a part of MYA for less than a year shall be considered members.

**Subsection 2: Members**

Individuals who have been a part of MYA for over a year and have attended at least 50% of general meetings (see Article 6 Section 1) in the last twelve months, shall be considered members.

**Section 2: Affiliates**

Affiliates must meet the following age requirement, 18 to 35, and have attended at least one MYA event or meeting.

**Article 4: Officers, Committee Chairs, & Executive Council**

The names of candidates for officer(s) of the MYA are to be submitted by the members to the pastor of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church, who makes the appointment for a two-year term.

**Section 1: Officers**

The officers are made up of the president(s) and secretary positions.

**Subsection A: President(s)**

There can be one or two presidents who share in the responsibility of directing the administration, programs and events of the MYA.

**Subsection B: Secretary**

The secretary is responsible to communicate information regarding the date time and place of general and executive council meetings, agenda of meetings, and maintain a roster of active members.

### **Section 2: Committee Chairs**

The president(s) appoint committee chairs who serve on the Executive Council for a period determined by the president(s).

### **Section 3: Executive Council**

The Executive Council comprises officers and Chairs of Standing Committees.

## **Article 5: Standing Committees**

There are four (4) Standing Committees whose committee chairs represent the Executive Council.

### **Section 1: Spiritual Committee**

This committee is responsible for scheduling and planning spiritual events throughout the year. They shall be responsible for hosting guest speakers and outreach with other parishes in coordination with Social & Outreach Committee.

### **Section 2: Social & Outreach Committee**

This committee is responsible for welcoming new members into the MYA. They shall be coordinating with Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) and facilitating the successful transition from MYO to MYA. They shall reach out to other parishes and external organizations for joint execution of MYA events and coordinates MYA involvement. They shall be responsible for scheduling and planning MYA social events.

### **Section 3: Parish Development Committee**

This committee is responsible for coordinating the MYA involvement in those events that are being hosted by or supported by St. Louis Gonzaga Parish. Such events may include but are not limited to Taste of Lebanon, Festival of Baskets, Annual Golf Tournament, and St. Maron Day Hafli. The committee is also responsible for coordinating MYA involvement in hospitality that consists of, but not limited to, Sunday hospitality and Lenten fish fry.

## **Article 6: Meetings**

The Maronite Young Adults shall be required to meet regularly.

### **Section 1: General Meetings**

The Maronite Young Adult general meetings will take place on the third Sunday of every month immediately following Sunday liturgy. The date and time of general meetings may be changed by president(s) given reasonable circumstances and appropriate notification to MYA members.

**Section 2: Executive Council Meetings**

The Maronite Young Adults Executive Council shall meet on the second Sunday of every month. The date and time of Executive Council meetings may be changed by president(s) given reasonable circumstances and appropriate notification to the MYA Executive Council.

**Section 3: Quorum**

Executive Council Meetings can be conducted when more than 50% of the executives are in attendance, this includes both physical and virtual attendance. Decisions can be reached either by consensus or simple majority.

**Article 7: Approval and Amendment**

This Constitution and Bylaws can be amended only with a two-thirds majority of the Executive Council and the approval of the Pastor.