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CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION at ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS (CMA-AMC)

Article 1: NAME and REGISTRATION

1. The name of this student organization shall be “**Catholic Medical Association at Anschutz Medical Campus (CMA-AMC)**”
2. The CMA-AMC is registered as a student chapter of the central national organization “Catholic Medical Association (CMA)” (www.cathmed.org/membership/students) with direct supervision by the local chapter “Denver Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (Denver-CMA)” (www.denver-cma.com). The CMA-AMC is also registered in the state of Colorado as a non-profit organization (ID number: 20161632409).

Article 2: MISSION STATEMENT

As a group of Catholic students and healthcare providers, members of the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus (UC-AMC), we come together to cultivate and nurture the Catholic faith amongst the members of our campus, including students, staff, and faculty. Our main mission is to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine and to respect the value of human life as a gift from God’s creation from the moment of conception to natural death. We intend to grow in the spirit of Christ in our personal, academic and professional lives, and to bring His Spirit to all who are touched by our science and art, and to assist the Vicar of Christ, the Bishops, and the whole Christian community with leadership, especially with the particular knowledge, skill, and experience we have as Christian medical students and healthcare providers. The CMA-AMC will always follow the rules and regulations of the UC-AMC.

Article 3: PURPOSE

1. To support each other in maintaining core Catholic values in our daily and professional lives.
2. To uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine and to respect the value of human life as a gift from God’s creation from the moment of conception to natural death.
3. To assist the Church in the work of communicating Catholic medical ethics to the medical profession and society at large.
4. To enable student Catholic healthcare providers to better know one another and to work together with deeper mutual support and understanding.

Article 4: STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student membership of the CMA-AMC is restricted to any degree-seeking student enrolled at the UC-AMC. Staff and Faculty members of the UC-AMC can also participate as members of the CMA-AMC upon invitation of the Board of Directors.

Article 5: EVENTS and PARTICIPATION

Weekly and monthly meetings and activities are open to students, staff and faculty and include the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Bible studies, prayer meetings, discussion groups, special guest lectures, breakfast, lunch or dinner meetings, group presentations, movie nights, and off-campus activities as planned by our Board of Directors.

Article 6: LEADERS and LEADERSHIP

Section A - Board of Directors (Student Leaders):

1. The Board of Directors is a recognized group of members of the CMA-AMC who direct our association towards a sustainable future by adopting Christian, sound, ethical, and legal governance, as well as financial management policies.
2. The Board of Directors is organized by a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three active delegates, who are elected every year to direct the endeavors of the CMA-AMC. The Faculty Advisor and the Chaplain are invited to participate in all meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. Students members must hold current registration as students of the Denver-CMA and CMA.
4. Members must abide by all CMA-AMC, Denver-CMA and CMA bylaws.
5. Members should form leadership teams, assigning responsibilities among the team members.
6. Members are responsible, with the advice and approval of faculty advisors and the Denver-CMA staff, for choosing challenging and training leaders and Board of Directors for the following year.
7. Members are required to attend at least once per month to the Board of Directors meetings.
8. Any leader may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the student membership in a membership meeting as defined in Article 7.

Section B - Faculty Advisor

1. Must be a faculty member of the CU-AMC and selected and approved by the Denver-CMA.
2. Should be a current active member of the Denver-CMA and the CMA.
3. Must abide by the CMA-AMC, Denver-CMA and CMA bylaws to function as a Faculty Advisor.
4. Should attend student functions when possible and be available to offer guidance to the leadership team throughout the school year.
5. Report all activities and main changes to the Denver-CMA.

Section C – Catholic Chaplain

1. The CMA-AMC recognizes the presence of a Catholic Chaplain assigned by the Archdioceses of Denver as our spiritual leader in all activities.
2. The Catholic Chaplain has the same attributes and responsibilities assigned to the Faculty Advisor (Article 6, Section B).

Article 7: MEETINGS

General Meetings: (see also Article 5)

Planning meetings and discussions related to calendar and goals for the student group may be called by the student leaders at any time. Care should be taken to notify the faculty or community advisors, and local Denver-CMA staff, and as many student members are interested in the health and direction of this group.

Member meeting called to discuss any particularly adverse situation or concern as may affect this group may be called by:

1. Two student members of the Board of Directors
2. Upon the request of three student members
3. The faculty advisor or the Chaplain
4. The president of the Denver-CMA

One week's written notification shall be given to all student leaders, faculty advisors, Chaplain, and president of the Denver-CMA. Motions will be passed by a simple majority of the student members. All motions must be consistent with the CMA bylaws, policies, and practices.

Meetings are open to anyone at the UC-AMC, but those attending will be mindful and respectful of those in attendance and of the values and positions of the CMA-AMC. If a vote is called at one of the meetings, voting will be limited to the attending registered members of the CMA-AMC.

Article 7: FINANCES

Any funds that are procured through membership dues, fund raisers, donations, etc., will be banked with supervision of the Denver-CMA in a bank account without any affiliation to the UC-AMC, including the use of its tax identification number. The use of said monies will be limited to the student group activities and will be approved by the Board of Directors prior to commitment of funds.

The elected treasurer will maintain all financial records of the group and manage the corresponding financial accounts.

Article 9: SOCIAL MEDIA

The official CMA-AMC social media sites are:

- Email: cma.amc.info@gmail.com
- Website: www.cma-amc.com
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/CMAMC
- Mailing distribution lists:
 - o Members and Friends: cma-amc@googlegroups.com
 - o Board of Directors: board-cma-amc@googlegroups.com