

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND BINGO POLICY REMINDERS

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Diocesan Policy prohibits checks, of any kind, whether personal, bank, pay, money order, welfare, etc., from being accepted or cashed at any Diocesan Bingo game. Hopefully, this policy will deter people from spending beyond their means. It shall also protect organizations from receiving checks not backed by sufficient funds.

Credit cards, debit cards, and other electronic forms of payment are NOT to be accepted. Again, this will hopefully deter people from spending beyond their means.

The presence of ATM machines is also prohibited at parish or diocesan institutions operating Bingo games. The presence of ATM machines may cause some players to spend more than they can afford, as could happen if they were able to write checks or use credit and debit cards.

All workers and bingo managers must be VOLUNTEERS. It is illegal to compensate Bingo workers in any way, including a reduction in tuition. Bingo workers are not permitted to accept tips from players. Compensation in any form to a Bingo worker or manager may jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the parish.