

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING

SEMINARY RULES

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Cell Phone & Internet Use Policy

Students at the Seminary of Christ the King are permitted to use cell phones and to access the Internet whether by means of cell phone or by computer. The seminary has two computers with access to the Internet available to students from 7:30 am to 8:30 pm daily. While these electronic media can be of real benefit, they can also serve as distractions and as obstacles to serious study, human and spiritual growth and even as occasions for serious sin. The exercise of virtue as suggested in the document **The Church and Internet** issued by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications in 2002 is of great help in wisely using these media: "Prudence is necessary in order to see clearly the implications - the potential for good and evil - in this new medium and to respond creatively to its challenges and opportunities. . . . Fortitude, courage, is necessary. This means standing up for truth in the face of religious and moral relativism, for altruism and generosity in the face of individualistic consumerism, for decency in the face of sensuality and sin. And temperance is needed - a self-disciplined approach to this remarkable technological instrument, the Internet, so as to use it wisely and only for good."

Seminarians at the Seminary of Christ the King are required to observe the following directives with regard to their use of cell phones and Internet and to sign the covenant at the bottom of this page.

- Every seminarian with a cell phone is held accountable to the seminary for its proper use. Seminarians are not to carry cell phones with them when they are on the seminary campus. Cell phones are to be kept turned off except when they are being used and are not to be used in one's room as this disturbs the silence which should prevail in the residence. Calls are not to be made nor solicited after 9 pm in keeping with the seminary rule of nightly silence. The Internet capability of cell phones is not to be used for entertainment purposes and never for gaining access to or transmitting sexually explicit material.
- Each seminarian is to sign the log sheet each time he accesses the Internet on the computers provided by the seminary. Seminary officials daily monitor the names of Internet sites visited by seminarians using the seminary computers. Seminarians who use the seminary computers understand that by so doing they make an implicit agreement that allows seminary officials to monitor their use of Internet.

I have read the above stated directives for cell phone and Internet use by seminarians and agree to abide by them. I promise to avoid the use of pornography on any form of electronic media and not to access, send or use any information which offends against Catholic moral principles or against civil or criminal law (e.g. illegal downloading of copyrighted materials) while I am a student at the Seminary of Christ the King. I agree to refrain from uploading onto the Internet any material pertaining to seminary life. I understand that this covenant applies both while I am at the seminary and away on weekends, on holidays and summer vacation. I also understand that serious breaches of this covenant may result in disciplinary action by seminary officials up to and including dismissal from the seminary.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____