**DOES YOUR PARISH SERVE ALCOHOL OR LIQUOR AT EVENTS?**

Check out this link to make sure you are up-to-date on the guidelines:

ALCOHOL INFO: Beer and wine DO require banquet permit (or special occasion license.) See below.

**Requirement:**

The parish must always comply with WA State Liquor Board regulations.

http://liq.wa.gov/licensing/special-licenses-and-permits (see below for some helpful info from this website)

**Best Practice:**

• Consider hiring a bartender, or at least recruit parishioners with hospitality/bartending experience, who can best determine if someone is intoxicated. Designated server should not drink during the event

• Never leave drinks unattended, especially with minors around

• Alcohol should be confined to certain areas (beer gardens, bar areas, etc.). While not always possible, this limits the chance of alcohol getting too far away from the event

• Minors cannot serve alcohol, or clear bottles or glasses of alcohol (if the kids were to be servers at a dinner, for example.)

**One-Time-Only Events** The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) issues three licenses and permits for one-time-only events:

• available online**Special Occasion License:** Allows a bona fide nonprofit organization to sell liquor at a specified date, time and place. Special Occasion License applications are . Examples include a fundraising dinner, gala event, auction, or wine tasting.

• available online**Banquet Permit:** Allows the service and consumption of liquor at a private, invitation-only banquet or gathering held in a public place or business. Banquet Permits are . Examples include weddings, company banquets, retirement parties, or club, organization or church events.

• **Raffle Permit:** Allows a bona fide nonprofit organization to raffle liquor to its members at a specified date and place. Applications are available online or by calling (360) 664-1600.

Special license or permit holders must follow state liquor and tobacco laws and regulations during their event. A WSLCB enforcement officer may visit a licensed event to check compliance with state liquor and tobacco laws and regulations. The license or permit must be prominently displayed at the event.