

## Policy on Bottled Water

Category:	University Communications and External Relations
Purpose:	The purpose of this policy is to uphold the university's commitment to the Sacredness of Creation by allying ourselves with efforts to reduce plastic waste and the commodification of water.
Scope:	Applies to all divisions, departments and affiliate entities on campus
Responsible Party:	Finance & Administrative Services

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As a Catholic, Mercy institution, Carlow University espouses the value of the Sacredness of Creation as central to our mission, seeking sustainability of our campus and our world. As part of our commitment to sustainability, Carlow University bans the sale of plain, plastic bottled water on campus, and limits the purchase of plain, plastic bottled water with institutional funds to approved uses and emergency situations. The university understands this does not preclude individuals' rights to purchase such water independently and use it on campus. Carlow recognizes the environmental, economic, and social costs of production, transport, and sale of plastic bottled water, as well as the potential health risks from chemicals contained in plastic.

Additionally, Carlow acknowledges that water is a fundamental human right and declines to profit from its sale or to contribute to the profit made by those who claim the right to own and sell water.

Carlow is committed to maintaining the highest standards of hospitality, a fundamental Mercy value, and will offer reasonable alternatives to plain, bottled water to our campus community and guests.

The elimination of plain, bottled water on campus shall include the following:

The sale of plain, bottled water at the Carlow bookstore, the Frank Fuhrer Café and the Celtics Café;

The sale of plain, bottled water by Catering and at athletic concessions on campus;

The sale of plain, bottled water in all vending machines;

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The purchase of plain, bottled water with institutional funds except in approved uses and emergency situations; the purchase and maintenance of office plastic bottled water coolers except in cases of facilities at which a hydration station is not currently installed (e.g., Welcome Center, West Wing).

Policy Approved by Carlow University President:

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