

SUBJECT: School/Religious Education Programs – PS, SS, RE
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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Diocese of Green Bay that every parish shall provide quality Catholic education programs.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of these programs is to provide opportunities for full and active participation in sacramental and educational programs and to encourage active involvement in academic and religious education.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the administrators in consultation with pastors and local boards to develop a mission statement and implement and evaluate such programs consistent with this mission statement.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Parishes shall employ professional directors and/or coordinators of religious education that meet the minimum qualifications as determined by the Director of Education.
- B. The director/coordinator in a parish with a school shall be a liaison to the Catholic school. Directors/coordinators and school administrators shall work in cooperation for sacramental preparation, communication and other aspects of religious formation where appropriate.
- C. Religious education programs will be guided by “*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*” as a primary resource.
- D. These programs may include but are not limited to retreats and service projects as an integral part of its overall religious education program.
- E. Every student enrolled in diocesan schools shall be required to participate in the formal religion classes and related religious activities.
- F. All parishes shall promote and give financial support to the Catholic schools and religious education programs of the diocese.
- G. Every school/school system shall obtain and maintain accreditation through an agency approved by the diocese.
- H. When an accreditation program is established for religious education, then the religious education program shall obtain and maintain accreditation approved through the diocese.