

TEACHERS OF RELIGION

The *Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School* states: "The religion teacher is the key, the vital component, if the educational goals of the school are to be achieved. ... Teachers of religion, therefore, must be men and women endowed with many gifts, both natural and supernatural, who are also capable of giving witness to these gifts; they must have a thorough cultural, professional, and pedagogical training, and they must be capable of genuine dialogue."

Therefore, all lay and religious elementary and secondary teachers of religion must be committed to ongoing personal spiritual formation and continuing religious education studies.

Only practicing and committed Catholics may teach religion in any grade from pre-K through 12. Pastors and Principals should assess the spiritual status of religion teachers annually and encourage their ongoing formation and continuing religious education.

Policy

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