**DIOCESAN SECONDARY TEACHERS OF RELIGION**

The minimum requirement for teaching religion in a secondary school is a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent in Religious Education or Theology. Secondary teachers of religion are required to obtain 24 graduate credits in theology/religious education beyond their Bachelor's degree within six years of employment.

Applicants for secondary teaching positions in religion must be approved by the Secretariat for Education, prior to consideration by the local school.

Secondary Principals should encourage secondary teachers of religion to obtain a Master's degree in Religious Education or Theology.

All secondary teachers of religion with fewer than three years of classroom teaching experience must participate in the diocesan induction program. The secondary principal will select, according to diocesan criteria, a teacher with more than three years' experience as a mentor for the inductee.

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