

**DIOCESAN PROGRAM FOR RELIGION: SECONDARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES**

Catholic schools exist first and foremost for handing on the doctrine and principles of our Catholic faith. Therefore, it is important that all professional employees have a correct understanding of the Catholic faith. All professional employees are catechists charged with the responsibility for promoting and upholding the understanding of the doctrine and principles of the Catholic faith in their teaching and practice.

Each diocesan secondary school will have two (2) three-hour in-service sessions each year which will address the faith formation and enrichment of all professional employees. Both workshops will be based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The Superintendent of Catholic Schools will promulgate to all Principals a three-year cycle of workshop offerings (totaling six sessions). It is expected that each three-hour workshop will be scheduled into planned school in-service days for professional employees.

Full-time professional employees are required to attend these in-service sessions. Part-time professional employees are required to attend at least one in-service session a year.

Both instructors and curriculum for the workshops will be provided by the Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Policy

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