

Religion

The Religion Curriculum for the Diocese of Harrisburg encompasses the study of Catholic doctrine and morality, the study and use of Sacred Scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy, the practice of prayer, integration of the history and customs of the Church, including the lives of the Saints and development of student spirituality. The formation of a faith community is an essential component of the Religion Curriculum. Students are encouraged to participate in service to the parish and the community as an integral part of the Christian expression of faith. The unique character of the Catholic School offers the opportunity to infuse this message throughout the entire curriculum and its extended activities.

Our primary reason for existence as a system of schools is to transmit the faith and to encourage living it through religious education. Consequently, Religion should be scheduled at a priority time for maximum effectiveness. All teachers are required to be certified (cf. #4133) and are expected to teach Religion to their own class. The Religion teacher not only communicates information, but models faith development and Christian values to all those values to all those they encounter.

Only practicing and committed Catholics may teach religion (cf #4133).

Human Sexuality

Education in human sexuality is promoted in all diocesan elementary schools, giving appropriate emphasis to the spiritual and moral dimensions of sexuality.

Students are taught to understand the Church's teaching in the areas of Sexuality and sexual morality and to appreciate and respect their God-given gift of sexuality. This education blends moral and values-based Church's call to chastity.

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