

TO: Principals, C/DREs, Religion Department Chairpersons and Coordinators

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Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, pray for us!**

RE: Religion Textbooks

CC: Pastors

As you know, the Diocese of Harrisburg requires that all Religion textbooks that are used in our schools and parish religious education programs have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catechism Committee*.

Please choose only from the USCCBs *Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series* when ordering textbooks.

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<http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/upload/Current-Conformity-List.pdf>.

If you have any questions regarding catechetical texts, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for all that you are doing to ensure solid catechesis in the Diocese of Harrisburg!