

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Each parish religious education program shall have either a consultative Board of Religious Education with a liaison to the Parish Pastoral Council or a Religious Education Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council. Such a Board, organized at the direction of the Most Reverend Bishop, is subject to the policies and regulations determined by the Bishop through his Secretary for Education and is consultative to the Pastor and the Coordinator/Director of Religious Education. A Religious Education Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council is likewise subject to the policies and regulations of the diocese and makes its recommendations to the entire Parish Pastoral Council, which is consultative to the Pastor. The Pastor, in turn, confers with the Coordinator/Director of Religious Education on these catechetical matters; the Pastor makes all final decisions. The Coordinator/Director of Religious Education is to be an ex-officio, non-voting member either of the Religious Education Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council or of the Board of Religious Education.

Each **interparochial** elementary or secondary religious education program is to have a Board of Religious Education, organized at the direction of the Most Reverend Bishop. The Board is subject to the policies and regulations, as determined by the Bishop through his Secretary for Education. The Board's jurisdiction is limited by Called to Govern, which specifies areas that are the responsibilities of other individuals; e.g. the Bishop, the Secretary for Education, the Diocesan Director of Religious Education, the Pastors, and the Coordinator/Director for Religious Education.

Each Board of Religious Education recommends local policies for the catechetical program and provides support for the Coordinator/Director for Religious Education and administration of the catechetical program.

Each Board of Religious Education for a parish or interparochial religious education program is to be governed by a Constitution and Bylaws, which require final approval by the Secretary for Education.

Policy

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