



# ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### APPROVAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAMILY LIFE CURRICULA AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES (Policy Statement: Approval of Religious Education/Family Life Curricula and Instructional Resources)

#### Purpose

The Board recognizes its responsibility to collaborate with the local Bishop to ensure that all programs and materials approved for use for religious and family life education within the system are consistent with and reflect the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### References

*Amoris Laetitia: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, 2016*  
*Ontario Catholic Secondary Religious Education Curriculum Policy Document, Grades 9-12, 2016*  
*Ontario Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy Document, Grades 1-8, 2012, Religious Education*  
*Ontario Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy Document, Grades 1-8, 2012, Family Life Education*  
*Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, ICE, 2011*  
*Religious Education: "Faith and Culture: World Religions", Grade 11 Expectations, Revised 2010 Ontario Catholic*  
*Vatican Letter on Catholic Education, 2009*  
*The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium, Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican, 1997*  
*General Directory for Catechesis, Congregation for the Clergy, Vatican, 1997*  
*The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School, Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican, 1988*  
*Mission Statement of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board*  
*Educational Guidance in Human Love, Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1983*  
*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
*Fully Alive, Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario Parent Resources – Fully Alive, Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario*

#### Procedures

##### 1. Elementary Program

- 1.1 It shall be the practice of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board to use a single prescribed program in the elementary panel. This shall be comprised of the following:
- Fully Alive (Grades 1 to 8)
  - Born of the Spirit
  - Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ

- 1.2 Supplemental resources may be prepared from time to time by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), and with the approval of the ACBO, by the Catholic Curriculum Corporation, Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educators of Ontario (CARFLEO), and/or with the approval of the local Bishop, material created by or in conjunction with the Office of Religious and Family Life Education of the Board.

## **2. Secondary Program**

- 2.1 It shall be the practice of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board to offer at the secondary level the prescribed courses according to the Institute of Catholic Education Policy statement on Secondary School Religious Education Curriculum and as is consistent with the Board's stated policy on secondary school religious education credit courses (Policy 2004-06-1 Secondary School Religious Education).
- 2.2 Other elective courses of study in the areas of religious education and family life education that may be offered at the secondary level will be submitted annually, to the local Bishop for his approval. As well, all associated support materials related to these courses will be shared for related approval.
- 2.3 Priority will be given to use materials created by the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE), CCCB or the ACBO in the delivery of any programs and credit courses in religious education and family life education.

## **3. Elementary and Secondary Program**

- 3.1 When such materials have been produced or revised by the ICE, the CCCB or the ACBO, the Board will provide sufficient funds to procure such resources in a reasonable timeframe, including any required system-level support for staff.
- 3.2 Where the introduction of such materials represents a significant departure from past practice, the Board will ensure that the parent community is appropriately informed.
- 3.3 Should concerns be expressed about the appropriateness of programs and/or materials used in religious education or family life education, the Board will invite written submissions to be made to the Office of Religious and Family Life Education and/or the Board's Catholic Character and Culture Committee for consideration.

**Appendices**

**Forms**

**Associated Documents**

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