PRAYER

"Prayer cannot be reduced to the spontaneous outpouring of utterion impulse; in order to pray, one must have the will to pray. Nor is it enough to know what the Scriptures reveal about prayer: one must learn how to pray".

2650 Catechism of the Catholic Church

Prayer is an integral part of the life of a Catholic school. Prayer has the potential to nourish the spiritual growth of students. In order to promote prayer life schools:

1. Schedule formal time for prayer each day.

2. Teach students to know the formal prayers listed in the Prayer Chart in Appendix One of "A Syllabus for Religious Education for Catholic Schools - Archdiocese of Brisbane".

3. Provide opportunities for students to experience a variety of prayer forms of the Christian tradition.

4. Provide daily opportunities for staff prayer.

5. Encourage the development of prayer and Christian meditation groups in school communities.

SOME USEFUL RESOURCES AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Guidelines for Religious Education - Statement, Syllabus & Profile.

Basic curriculum documents which provide a description of the orientation, prescribed minimum content, and outcomes for the key learning area of Religious Education. Available also on CD-Rom. Available: Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.

*Children and the Sacraments: Confirmation, Eucharist & Penance*


*Drawing Up a School's Policy on Celebrating Eucharist*

Brisbane Catholic Education & Liturgical Commission, Archdiocese of Brisbane, 1996.

A helpful resource to assist a school in developing a policy for the celebration of eucharist which meets the faith reality of that particular school. Available: Liturgical Commission, Catholic Centre, Brisbane.

*A Planning Guide for Celebrating Major Events in Catholic Schools*


A handy check list of points to consider when planning major school rituals and liturgies. Available: Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.

*The Classroom Teaching of Religion in Catholic Schools*


A useful discussion paper for school staff to reflect on their approach to teaching religion. Available Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.

*Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School, Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School*

A statement of the BCE implementation policies regarding the accreditation of teachers in Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Brisbane.


*The Catholic School Assistant to the Principal Religious Education (A.P.R.E.) Role Statement*


*Eligibility Criteria for the Position of A.P.R.E. - Primary and Secondary*


A useful summary of responses to the most frequently asked questions concerning qualifications and eligibility for appointment to these leadership positions in Catholic schools.


*Blessed & Broken: Pastoral Guidelines for Eucharist Hospitality*


A concise summary of Archdiocesan guidelines regarding the provision of access to Holy Communion for Christians of other Churches. Available: Commission for Ecumenism, Catholic Centre, Brisbane.

*That They May Have Life: The Religious Education of School-Aged Catholics*

Archdiocesan policy statement reflecting the commitment of the Archdiocese to the ongoing religious education of all school-aged Catholics. Available Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.

**Administrative Handbook**

Brisbane Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane, 1996.

This important and useful reference handbook can be found on the BCEC Intranet.

**The Pastor and the Parish School: Rights and Duties of the Pastor in relation to the Parish School.**


This document describes Archdiocesan policy concerning the role of the pastor regarding the Parish School.

Available: Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.

**At Home with God’s People: Book of Texts**

Brisbane Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane, 1996.

A helpful summary of major truths and important themes of Catholic doctrine presented under 25 topics. Suitable as a resource for teacher background knowledge and reflection.

Available: Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.

**Look to Jesus; God’s Love Poured Out …; Search And You Will Find**

Brisbane Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane, 1997-99
A series of three booklets containing prayers, reflections and readings designed to broaden horizons in preparation for the Year of Group Jubilee. Suitable as a resource for staff prayer and reflection.

Available: Receipt & Despatch, BCEC, Dutton Park.


Archdiocese of Brisbane, Catholic Education, February 1999

This discussion paper is a companion to an earlier discussion paper *The Classroom Teaching of Religion in Catholic Schools*. The discussion paper is designed to assist Catholic school communities to discuss their role in the development in faith of young people.

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