Celebration of Liturgy and Sacraments

Click here to access a document to help schools to develop Guidelines for Celebrating Eucharist developed by Brisbane Catholic Education & the Liturgical Commission (1996).


Overview:
This document could provide a stimulus and a guide for negotiating with clergy clear agreed expectations about the celebration of liturgy and sacraments in the school. This document would also be valuable in providing formation for staff about the principles and structure of Eucharist (see page 34 of the Guidelines for the Religious Life of the School).

It will be essential to involve all interested parties in the process. The document could be used by school staff, school boards, parents and clergy. Priests with pastoral responsibility for the students and the priests who will celebrate the Masses could be involved in the process of drawing up a school's policy, preferably in the whole discussion, but at least to review the policy once the process is complete.

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