



Appendix
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of Catholic Education

Policy on Religious Enrichment for
Parish, Regional and Merged Catholic Elementary Schools

Religious Enrichment supports the Religion Curriculum of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; it does not replace it. It is a specific ministry within the elementary school (i.e., Pre- Kindergarten to Grade 8) which enhances the religion content of the Archdiocesan Religion curriculum of each specific grade.

The teacher who provides the religious enrichment is a member of the School faculty who

- is in process or completed the requirements for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catechetical Certification.
- is an experienced elementary Catholic school teacher.
- is under the direct supervision of the school principal.
- assists and supports the classroom religion teacher and works at his/her direction.
- expands upon the lessons of the Religion curriculum which are taught in the classroom on a daily basis.

Religious enrichment is not to exceed thirty (30) minutes per week and is part of the scheduled time allotted for the teaching of the religion curriculum.

Examples of Religious Enrichment which enhance the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum are:

- Classroom activities which relate to :
 - + Liturgical Calendar and its seasons
 - + Prayer
 - + Lives of the Saints
 - + Preparation for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
 - + Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation/Examination of Conscience
 - + Marian Devotions
 - + Preparation for Sunday Mass
 - + Virtues
 - + Catholic Social Teaching
- Preparation for liturgy such as First Friday Mass
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Spiritual Devotions
- Stations of the Cross
- Marian Devotions.