



# Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division # 81

<b>Philosophic and Foundational Commitments 1000</b> <hr/> <b>Philosophy of Education</b>	<b>Administrative Application</b>	
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	<b>References:</b>	The Education Act, 1995, Sec. 53,85,103, (2)(a)(i) The Constitution Act, 1867, Sec. 93 The Saskatchewan Act, 1905, Sec. 17 E-Goals GP-1 Statement of Beliefs Other References: See Footnotes
	<b>Status:</b>	Operational

## Preamble

The Regina Catholic School Division believe that every child of a Catholic parent has a right to a Catholic education in an atmosphere in which the Gospel values of Jesus Christ are lived and taught.

## Application

All staff shares the responsibility of building such a condition in each school within the school division. In a Catholic atmosphere pupils can grow toward:

1. Fulfilling their part in building the Kingdom
2. Integrating faith, culture and life
3. Maturity in faith and social responsibility
4. Becoming responsible and productive members of society

Through the provision of program, personnel, facilities, finances, and administrative services, the school division has the overall purpose of helping individual learners achieve their potential in moral, spiritual, intellectual, emotional, cultural, social, and physical development. The Mission of the Regina Catholic School Division is:

*The Regina Catholic School Division is dedicated to working with the community and the local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and the development of informed, responsible citizens.*

*May 3, 1993*

Catholic education is best understood in terms of the learner as an irreplaceable and unique human person called into existence by a loving God and launched on a journey back to the God. Catholic education is a shared responsibility. Parents are the first educators, not the only educators, of their children. It belongs to them, therefore, to exercise with responsibility their educational activity in close and vigilant cooperation with civil and ecclesial agencies.



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Parents have the right to choose the formative tools that respond to their convictions and to seek those means that will help them best to fulfil their duty as educators, in the spiritual and religious sphere also. Public authorities have the duty to guarantee this right and to ensure the concrete conditions necessary for it to be exercised. In this context, cooperation between the family and scholastic institutions takes on primary importance. Trustees, administrators, teachers, support staff, priests, and parish staff work in close collaboration with parents in the service of pupils for whom the school exists. At the same time, Regina Catholic Schools acknowledge that the office of Catholic Education belongs by a unique title to the Church under the Local Ordinary, and in recognition of such, the Archbishop of Regina is the honorary Chair of the Board.

The Church announces the way of salvation to all communicating the life of Christ to those who believe and assisting them...so that they may grow into the fullness of the same life. Catholic schools exist because the Church considers them as a privileged means of promoting the formation of the whole person.

<sup>1</sup>John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, The Redeemer of Man, "Redemptor Hominis", 1979, Boston, Daughters of St. Paul, No. 15.

<sup>2</sup>United States Council of Catholic Bishops, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 2005, Washington, Dc.

<sup>2</sup> Second Vatican Council, Declaration on Christian Education. "Gravissimum Educationis", 1963-65, No. 3.

<sup>3</sup>The Holy See, Charter of the Rights of the Family, 1983. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Article 5 (a),(e)

<sup>4</sup>Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, The Catholic School, 1977, Ottawa: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, No. 30. See also Canon 806 #1, #2 (Code of Canon Law)

<sup>5</sup>John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation on Catechesis in Our Time. "Caechesi Tradendae", 1979, Ottawa, Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops, No. 138. See also, Canon #381 #1 (The Code of Canon Law)