



Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division # 81

Philosophic and Foundational Commitments 1110 Same Sex Orientation	Administrative Application	
	Effective:	August 31, 2010
	References:	Making Room for our Brothers and Sisters: A Resource for an Inclusive Community; GP-1 Statement of Beliefs
	Status:	Operational

Preamble

The school division's pastoral plan for ministering to students with same-sex orientation follows the guiding principles as outlined in the document **Making Room for Our Brothers and Sisters: A Resource for an Inclusive Community**.

We promote Church teaching regarding relationships including same-sex orientation (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2357-2359, and On Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, #10, #16).

Our schools should promote a theology and spirituality of communion. This means "*an ability to think of our brothers and sisters in faith within the profound unity of the Mystical Body, and therefore as "those who are a part of me". This makes us able to share their joys and sufferings, to sense their desires and attend to their needs, to offer them deep and genuine friendship*" (Novo Millennio Ineunte, #43).

Application

1. We work within our schools to promote a theology and spirituality of communion by eliminating signs of unjust discrimination directed towards people with same sex orientation.
2. We provide opportunities for students who believe they are homosexual to speak with teachers, in-school counsellors or counsellors at Catholic Family Services to explore their questions regarding their sexuality in a safe, supportive, Catholic environment.
3. We provide accurate information regarding Church teaching on homosexuality. For example, the distinction between homosexual orientation (which is not freely chosen) and homosexual acts (which are freely chosen and thus are subject to moral judgments) needs to be clearly explained. A person is not defined by his/her sexuality. It is just one facet of a person's being.
4. We consistently apply consequences for inappropriate behaviour regardless of one's sexual orientation (e.g. bringing a friend of either gender to a dance and dancing with him/her is acceptable behaviour. However, kissing or other such public displays of affection are not acceptable behaviour.)
5. For further information contact the Coordinator of Catholic Education Services.