



Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division # 81

Pupils 9003 Pupil Retreats	Administrative Application	
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Preamble

Pupil retreats are facilitated at both the elementary and high school levels as a means to assist pupils to integrate their faith into a daily, lived reality. Pupil retreats serve important roles in the process of evangelisation and facilitate a deeper encounter between our pupils and Jesus.

Application

1. Elementary School

- a. Pupil retreats may be held in conjunction with a child's reception of the sacraments and are ordinarily facilitated by the parish teams. Pupil retreats may also be held in conjunction with major events in a pupil's life, i.e. Grade 8 farewells.
- b. It is expected that school staff members will support and collaborate with the parish team where retreats are held in conjunction with the celebration of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.
- c. A retreat of ½ day duration would be appropriate at the elementary level.

2. High School

- a. The content of the pupil retreat at Grades 9-11 should be tied to the curriculum at each grade level, i.e. Grade 9 – Beatitudes, Grade 10 – Christian Moral Lifestyle, and Grade 11 – Jesus.
- b. Grade 12 pupils may be offered a full day retreat in conjunction with graduation as well as a class retreat scheduled as part of the Christian Ethics 30 program. The approved pupil fee for these activities may be collected with fall pupil fees.

3. All Retreats

- a. The retreat location should be carefully considered to allow pupils to experience a time of prayerful reflection apart from their daily routine.
- b. Every effort must be made to seek a retreat director or directors who are skilled at giving a retreat and at working with adolescents.
- c. A most appropriate and effective strategy to consider is the use of senior pupils as retreat animators for younger pupils. The outcomes of increased leadership skills in senior pupils, improved relationships between senior and junior pupils as well as the effect of modelling make the efforts worthwhile.



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- d. A liturgical celebration during a retreat experience is considered of paramount importance. The celebration may be Eucharistic or non-Eucharistic, but should involve pupils in planning and the execution of the celebration so that the vision of Vatican II that the church celebrate with “full, conscious and active participation is realized”.
(*Constitution on Sacred Liturgy #14*)