

# **Faith Reference Portfolio**

**for**

# **Beginning Teachers**



**AN INTEGRAL ASPECT OF THE  
HIRING PROCESS OF MANY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL BOARDS OF ONTARIO**

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## **FAITH REFERENCE PORTFOLIO FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS**

1. Applicants for teaching positions with the

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Catholic District School Board are asked to submit the following pieces of information as mandatory prerequisites for hiring:

- i. Pre-service credit course in Religious Education

**OR**

Pre-service certificate in Religious Education or equivalency  
(University Courses in Theology or Religious Studies)

- ii. Faith Reference Portfolio with its reflection component.

2. As well, applicants may need to obtain a Priest Reference Form. Teacher candidates should consult with individual Catholic boards as to their requirements.

# FAITH REFERENCE PORTFOLIO FOR BEGINNING TEACHER APPLICANTS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

1. I PROMISE THE \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD THAT I will strive to be a person of good moral character consistent with the life of the Catholic Church.

As a member of the Catholic teaching community, I will strive

- i) to provide religious instruction in the Catholic Faith using the curriculum approved by the school board and as requested by the principal;
- ii) to seek to infuse gospel values across the curriculum;
- iii) to influence and strengthen the spiritual growth of the students and act as an appropriate role model within the Catholic school community.

2. MY CONTRIBUTION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE BROADER COMMUNITY AND THE CATHOLIC PARISH INCLUDES.... (Your reflection here should include service to the common good of society as well as to your faith community.)

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3. THIS INVOLVEMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MY GROWTH IN FAITH BY ...

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4. I SEE MYSELF CONTINUING TO GROW IN MY FAITH LIFE AS A CATHOLIC TEACHER THROUGH ...

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Candidate's Signature

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Date

### WITNESS

- (1) The witness is not to be seen as another pastoral reference but rather as a witnessing signatory. Simply, they testify to (a) the identity of the teacher candidate signing this document and (b) to the fact that they witnessed the teacher candidate sign this document in their presence.
- (2) Applicants must be known to the witness for at least two years within the last five years. The one exception to this two year requirement would be the candidate's faculty of education religion instructor.
- (3) Acceptable witnesses include a priest, religious sister or brother, deacon, faculty of education religion instructor, Catholic school principal, Catholic school teacher, Catholic supervisory officer or chaplain.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s)

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Signature

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Date

**FAITH REFERENCE PORTFOLIO  
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***REFLECTION PAPER***

(Please respond to the following STATEMENT in 200 – 250 words, double spaced.)

***IT IS MY DESIRE TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL BECAUSE...***