

**POLICY FOR THE SELECTION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEXTBOOKS**  
**Diocese of Lafayette**  
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**POLICY:** The following requirements apply to high school texts as well as elementary, and to Catholic schools as well as parish religion programs.

All religion programs must use textbooks which carry Imprimatur and *Nihil Obstat* acknowledging that there is nothing contained in the text which is contrary to Catholic teaching. It is also required that only textbooks which have been judged to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops may be used.

**For high school texts, a second judgment of conformity from the Ad Hoc Committee is required regarding the alignment of a textbook to the *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age*. This policy is expected to be implemented at each particular grade level in the year in which the majority of publishers make textbooks available.**