

## PRINCE ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 6

<b>POLICY ITEM: Commitment to the Catholic Community</b>	<b>CODE: AB</b>
<b>LEGAL STATUS: Board Motion # 259.07, #249.13, #55.20, #302.23</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED: 27 Nov 07 18 Nov 13, 6 Apr 20, 18 Dec 23</b>

**Background:** Catholic Education exists to assist the family and parish in their basic and essential roles of teaching each child. The relationships between the Catholic school, each family and the parish community are based upon trust, understanding, affirmation, care and forgiveness.

**POLICY:** **The Board of Education of the Prince Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 6 declares that it is dedicated to serving the educational needs and aspirations of the Catholic faith community of Prince Albert and affirms its Mission Statement, *“to optimize learning and nurture spiritual growth guided by Gospel values and Church teachings.”***

- Guidelines:**
1. The Board of Education will:
    - help children learn about themselves and their world in relationship to God.
    - will serve parents by helping their children advance in Christian maturity.
    - will assist the Church in directing secular education towards an encounter with the world of the sacred.
    - will provide classes in religion and Christian Ethics, and present the other subjects from a Catholic perspective.
    - will provide a climate conducive to religious transformation by encouraging students and staff to express their religious convictions openly in the presence of a caring Christian community.
    - will ensure that its administration continue to hire and employ Catholic professional educators that are academically competent and committed to serving the Church in its educational role.
    - will employ teachers that know and live the religious dimension of life and will communicate that Catholic community dimension in the classroom.
    - will ensure that the teachings of the Catholic faith are part of teacher inservice programs and professional development activities.
  2. The Board of Education will exercise its responsibility in relation to the Bishops of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Ministry of Education.