

## **POLICY – PO405**

### **Religious and Patriotic Furnishings in Schools**

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#### **1. Introduction**

Religious and patriotic furnishings will be in schools to create a learning environment of intellectual, moral and religious excellence, as understood and inspired by the Catholic expression of Christianity. Such religious and patriotic furnishing will support the development of a Catholic graduate.

#### **2. Definitions**

Nil

#### **3. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all schools are outfitted with the appropriate religious and patriotic furnishings. Further, patriotic furnishings in schools will comply with Regulation 298 S.5 of the Education Act.

#### **4. Application / Scope**

This policy applies to all schools within the jurisdiction of the Durham Catholic District School Board.

#### **5. Principles**

- 5.1 The Board believes that environment plays an important part in our learning experiences and in the formation of attitudes, religious and patriotic furnishings

will enhance the spiritual and intellectual education of our children, and at the same time, promote a strong sense of patriotism.

## **6. Requirements**

- 6.1 The Director of Education shall issue administrative procedures to support this policy and to amend them thereafter as the need arises.
- 6.2 All required flags and religious furnishings required in this policy will be supplied by the Board.
- 6.3 The National Flag of Canada be flown outside every school during each regular school day.
- 6.4 The National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag shall be prominently displayed on flag stands within each school foyer.
- 6.5 The Papal Flag shall be prominently displayed on a flag stand within each school foyer.
- 6.6 The flying and displaying of flags will be consistent with our Flying and Displaying of Flags policy (PO424) and administrative procedure (AP424-1).
- 6.7 Each school shall prominently display the official portrait of the current Pontiff.
- 6.8 Each school shall prominently display the official portrait of the reigning sovereign.
- 6.9 The Board shall supply crucifixes for the school foyer, all classrooms, staff room and offices.
- 6.10 Each school shall prominently display on a lectern an appropriate copy of the Holy Bible.
- 6.11 Each classroom shall have a copy of the Holy Bible prominently displayed.

## **7. Sources**

- 7.1 Regulation 298, Section 5

## **8. Related Policies and Administrative Procedures**

- 8.1 Flying and Displaying Flags Policy (PO424)
- 8.2 Flying and Displaying Flags Administrative Procedure (AP424-1)