

Policy 1430

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The principal in the Catholic schools of the diocese serves as spiritual, educational and managerial leader, responsible for Catholic identity, academic excellence and the building of a faith/learning community. In this role, the principal articulates the vision and goals of the school, giving witness to the values that make the vision a lived reality in the school and parish community.

At the elementary/middle school level, the parish pastor and the school principal share the important ministry of pastoral leadership in the Catholic school. In a regional school, the pastor of the parish where the school is located assumes responsibility with the principal for pastoral leadership of the school. Regional pastors are required to collaborate with the principal when decisions impact either the school or the parish. Principals of diocesan regional schools and high schools share responsibility with the diocesan superintendent, in whom the bishop has entrusted the ministry of leadership for Catholic schools.

The pastor in collaboration with the principal of elementary/middle schools provides for the pastoral care of the faculty, staff and students. At the high school level and in diocesan regional schools, chaplains are selected, as available, by the principal to provide campus ministry, thus assisting the principal with pastoral care.

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