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of **Religious Educators**



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a vocation  
and  
a profession



## Why a Professional Society?

The degree to which Religious Education advances as a professional activity will greatly influence how effective and credible religious educators will be in carrying forward the faith-based mission of the Catholic School. Support for Religious Education in South Africa is marginal, and the formation of a body of committed religious educators will provide the profession with a solid base. The society's purposes will be:

- ✦ To promote Religious Education as a vocation and as a profession
- ✦ To develop Religious Education as an educationally sound and challenging discipline in the curriculum
- ✦ To build consensus about the aims and outcomes of Religious Education in the school
- ✦ To strengthen support for Religious Education as central to the school's overall mission
- ✦ To organise religious educators in Catholic schools in South Africa
- ✦ To expose religious educators to the wider perspectives of Religious Education in Africa and the world
- ✦ To enrich religious educators through contact with key persons and developments in the field

## Benefits

- ✦ A focal point for concerns and a voice for Religious Education in South Africa
- ✦ National network of religious educators in South Africa
- ✦ International network of people and organisations involved in Religious Education
- ✦ Regular opportunities to promote professional development
- ✦ Access to library and other resources

*Desiring to ensure uniformity, quality assurance and maintenance of standards in the teaching of Religious Education we recommend the formation of a Professional Society of RE Teachers*

Direction Statement  
2nd National Catholic Schools Congress

*Aware of the needs in RE and other curriculum programmes, including activities which reflect the ethos, we urge that schools commit themselves to appropriate training of Religious Education teachers*

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## Activities

- ✦ Publication of a Religious Education periodical, *The Well*
- ✦ Regular newsletters to members
- ✦ Regular national and regional events
- ✦ Regular conferences and short courses

## Membership

- ✦ Anyone with an interest in Religious Education

## Annual Subscription

Subscription will cover printing and mailing costs and partial funding of events organised by the society.

**Category A** – R150 periodical and newsletter

**Category B** – R100 periodical only

**Category C** – R50 newsletter only

All paid-up subscribers will receive a membership card and badge, and enjoy preferential rates for workshops, seminars and other events.

## Periodical

*The Well* will be dedicated to material that will help the religious educator reflect on her/his practice. It will appear three times a year – in Summer, Winter and Spring.

## Newsletter

The newsletter *Reetsanang* will be devoted to practical issues, ideas and resources. It will be circulated in the months following the issue of *The Well*.

## Membership form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (landline) \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Area if teaching: (*Please tick*)

Primary School

Secondary School

Tertiary Education

Areas of special interest (*Please name two, e.g. Art, Ethos, Morality, Prayer, Scripture, Spirituality, Theology, etc*)

Membership category (*Please tick*)

Category A (periodical and newsletter) R150

Category B (periodical only) R100

Category C (newsletter only) R50

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