



March 22, 2023

Dear Parent(s),

This spring, Catholic schools will participate in a unique, Chicago-specific religion assessment based on the [religion curriculum standards](#) that have been articulated for Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Chicago. All students in four-year-old preschool through Grade 8 in all schools will take part in the assessment between **April 17-May 5, 2023**.

Similar to assessments in other subject areas, religion assessment generates data to help teachers and school leaders better understand the strengths and weaknesses of instruction and student learning. Data from a system-wide religion assessment allows us to discern how we can work collaboratively to help students grow in knowledge about the Catholic faith in alignment with the mission of Catholic education.

Religion assessment will take place during regular school hours. All students will participate with the guidance of their teacher to assist them as needed. Students with service plans will have access to accommodations such as a read-aloud feature built into the assessment and/or having additional time to complete the assessment. Student performance on the assessment will not influence a religion grade in school. No additional preparation or engagement outside of school hours is required.

Thank you very much for your support of this effort to help us more deeply understand students' learning, support teachers with religion instruction, and work in solidarity to grow the Catholic mission and culture of our school communities.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dan Turney, Principal