

**Policy Number: OP20**

**OUTCOMES/PURPOSES**

**SUBJECT: Statement of Purpose**

This statement of purpose is intended to provide a framework within which all members of the Catholic school community in the area served by **The Sudbury Catholic District School Board** can work co-operatively united in a common purpose.

The Board accepts the fact that schools under its jurisdiction exist primarily to assist parents in the fullest possible development of the physical, spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and moral growth of their children.


On behalf of the ratepayers it represents, the Board agrees that each school must:

- A) develop and maintain educational programs of excellent quality which provide equal opportunity for all students to develop completely their individual talents as members of society and as unique and responsible Christian persons;
- B) in accordance with the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, teach the truths of the Catholic faith, and provide students with opportunities to grow in an understanding of the nature and purpose of life;
- C) build a vibrant Christian community where the Gospel spirit of liberty, discipline, respect for others, freedom and responsibility prevails, and
- D) integrate God's Truth and Life as revealed in Christ through the Holy Spirit into the entire curriculum and life in the school.

To facilitate the achievement of these goals the Board will do its utmost to:

- A) recruit, develop, and retain competent staff who strive to give witness to Christ and the Catholic Church by their lives as well as their teaching;
- B) provide the necessary resources so that programs can be developed within Ministry of Education guidelines which can aim at academic excellence in every area without excluding God from any area. The direct teaching of religion will occupy an honoured place in all its schools;
- C) encourage the development of a truly Christian community in every school where students in co-operation with staff, parents, and pastor will learn to love and serve; and
- D) provide every student with the physical resources and environment generally which will permit and encourage the full development of all his capacities.

**Signature of Chairperson of the Board:**



**Signature of the Secretary of the Board:**



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