



# ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

THE DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND  
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Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

We are pleased to present to you, “Bringing Good News”, the 2011 Archdiocese of Baltimore Religion Curriculum for Elementary Schools. This standards-based curriculum will serve as a guide, a road map for both teachers and students as they embark on a journey, which will provide them with the knowledge and understanding of our faith as witnessed in the teachings and the traditions of the Catholic Church.

This curriculum represents the work of many on several committees who have dedicated their time and shared their gifts in an effort to publish a document, which offers a systematic presentation of content and its application or meaning in the world today. The curriculum is built on the Six Tasks of Catechesis: Promoting Knowledge of the Faith; Liturgical Education; Moral Formation; Teaching to Pray; Education for Community Life; and Missionary Initiation and is aligned with the Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE).

We are grateful for the work of so many who participated in the sometimes daunting task of writing curriculum, which is both rigorous and engaging. Each is recognized for their contributions to this work and applauded for a job well done.

As one who teaches, you bear an awesome responsibility for the formation of our young people. May your ministry be guided by the example of the Great Teacher, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all you do to share the Good News in our schools and parishes.

Blessings in Christ,

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