



Discernment Conversation Guidelines

(For Principal use only – Attach to application if submitting to Superintendent)

Principal Checklist for Voluntary Meeting

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (exemption): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) in Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption request:

- Religion Course (HRE 1O, HRE 2O, HRE 3O/3M, HRE 4O/4M)
Activities of a Religious Nature with a Substantial Component of Ritual and Prayer (i.e.: School Mass, Prayer Service, Liturgy, Faith Retreats)
Religion Course and Activities of a Religious Nature with a Substantial Component of Ritual and Prayer

1. Remind to the parent/guardian that the Catholic school system is based on inclusion, and the exemption will exclude the child from fundamental curricular and co-curricular activities in this school.

2. Discuss/highlight the following points:

- Programming needs of the child (i.e., timetable options, Individual Education Plan, etc.)
Catholic schools provide students with an education that includes emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual growth.
Inclusion into faith formation is keeping with the expectations of students who graduate from Catholic high schools.
Catholic schools promote inclusion and non-Catholic students are welcomed into the core faith program and other activities related to the faith life of the school.
Curriculum in all subject areas is infused with the beliefs and tenets of the Catholic faith.
Religion courses are but one aspect of the faith formation, all students are expected to participate fully in all religious activities in the school community including masses, retreats and prayer services.
Catholic schools are called to provide students with a comprehensive religion program that will influence and mold their lives into the future.

3. Record outcome:

- Student is enrolled in Religion Course
Parent wishes to proceed with religious exemption request
Parent provided with the Religious Education Exemption Application-Secondary

Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_