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To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools Prescribed Titles for Religious Education Journal Work for Junior Certificate 2017 and 2018

1. A new syllabus for Religious Education was introduced in September 2000 and was examined for the first time in the Junior Certificate examination of 2003.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements – (1) a final written paper, and (2) journal work. The titles for journal work for the Junior Certificate examination of 2017 were issued with Circular S89/15. The titles for journal work for the Junior Certificate examination of 2018 are attached, as are the titles for 2017.
3. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit journal work on **one title only**.
4. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. **At both levels, journal work will account for 20% of the marks. Please note that this mark allocation supersedes that given in the syllabus for Religious Education.**
5. In undertaking journal work candidates may work in groups or undertake a visit or investigation as a whole class. However, each candidate must complete and submit an individual journal for assessment.
6. Guidelines for undertaking journal work are included in *Religious Education - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued in June 2001.
7. The journal work must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet which will be supplied for that purpose by the State Examinations Commission. Candidates taking the examination in 2017 will be supplied with the booklet in 2016. Candidates taking the examination in 2018 will be supplied with the booklet in 2017.
8. Please bring this circular and the attached lists of journal work titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
9. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

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Prescribed Titles for Religious Education Journal Work for the Junior Certificate Examination 2017

Two titles are given for each section of the syllabus. Candidates are required to submit journal work on **one title only**. Candidates may select any **one** from the following list of journal work titles:

Section A. Communities of Faith

- a. 1. A profile of how the members of a Christian denomination today are promoting tolerance and respect for the religious beliefs of another major world religion.
- a. 2. An analysis of the way that the inspiring vision of a community of faith is expressed by a religious organisation in Ireland today.

Section B. Foundations of Religion – Christianity

- b. 1. An investigation into the impact that the resurrection of Jesus had on **two** of his disciples as recorded in the Gospels.
- b. 2. A study of the similarities and differences between the account of Jesus' life given in a historical source and that given in a Gospel.

Section C. Foundations of Religion – Major World Religions

- c. 1. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
Research into the way people lived and the religious beliefs that were popular in the part of the world where **one** of the religions listed above was founded.
- c. 2. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
A case study on the ways that a time of religious importance is marked each year by the members of **one** of the religions listed above.

Section D. The Question of Faith

- d. 1. *Religious belief can find expression in prayer, worship and way of life.*
An examination of the evidence for this statement in the life of a person of faith associated with the story of a major world religion that you have studied.
- d. 2. A survey of the factors that influence the religious beliefs of teenagers in a locality in Ireland today.

Section E. The Celebration of Faith

- e. 1. *Religious icons have been described as symbolic paintings.*
A case study on the purpose and main features of **one** such religious icon associated with a community of faith today.
- e. 2. *Prayer - a need to communicate with God.*
A reflection on the role that petition plays as a form of prayer for the members of a major world religion today.

Section F. The Moral Challenge

- f. 1. An examination of the influence that a religious moral code has on the lifestyle of teenagers today.
- f. 2. An exploration of the process a morally mature person goes through in deciding what is right or wrong in a particular situation.

Prescribed Titles for Religious Education Journal Work for the Junior Certificate Examination 2018

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Section A. Communities of Faith

- a. 1. An exploration of the need for a variety of roles, including the leader's role, within *either* a Church *or* Religious Order in Ireland today.
- a. 2. A case study on the ways that a calling to serve is involved in a vocation within **one** community of faith in Ireland today.

Section B. Foundations of Religion – Christianity

- b. 1. An investigation into the reasons why Jesus of Nazareth came into conflict during his life, with the religious and political authorities in Palestine.
- b. 2. A study of what Jesus taught through his miracles about the treatment of sinners and other outsiders in the Kingdom of God.

Section C. Foundations of Religion – Major World Religions

- c. 1. **◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM**
In the history of world religions there are key moments that shape their development.
A profile of the way in which **one** of the above world religions has been shaped by the experience of *either* persecution *or* schism.
- c. 2. A study of how religious belief is expressed in the main features of a place of prayer associated with **one** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Section D. The Question of Faith

- d. 1. A comparison of the pattern of religious practice found in Ireland today with that found in another part of Europe.
- d. 2. A profile of the ways that a monotheistic understanding of God is expressed in **one** of the following world religions: Christianity, Islam or Judaism.

Section E. The Celebration of Faith

- e. 1. An exploration of the role sacraments play in **one** Christian denomination and the role religious symbols play in **another** major world religion.
- e. 2. An examination of the reasons why a special season or day, during each calendar year, has religious importance for the members of **one** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Section F. The Moral Challenge

- f. 1. A study of what promotes moral behaviour among adolescents today.
- f. 2. An examination of how the need for integrity in relationships is expressed in the teaching of **two** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.