ROLE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN SUPPORTING SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Rationale
The parish is the Christian faith community that children and young people need for their religious development. It is where they are inspired and nurtured by other members of the community to experience what is needed to develop their faith.

It is the parish community which invites and welcomes new members; it is where initiation into the faith is celebrated and nurtured, it is where people learn to live as a community of the faithful.

Aranmore Catholic Primary School complements the parish and are an important means for evangelising young people today by teaching them how to live as children of God. By the nature of their mission and mandate, Aranmore Catholic Primary School supports families and the parish in the preparation of children to receive the sacraments.

Definitions
Nil

Principles
1. Preparation of sacraments is family-focused, parish based and supported by Aranmore Catholic Primary School.

2. Aranmore Catholic Primary School respects the primary role of the family in the faith education of their children and support the family in the sacramental preparation of children.

3. Aranmore Catholic Primary School works with the parish in preparing for and celebrating the sacraments.

4. At Aranmore Catholic Primary School, young people will receive the Sacraments in the Parish Church wherever possible.

Procedures
1. Religious education is a priority at Aranmore Catholic Primary School. The school provides the knowledge and understandings of the Catholic faith and outlines that is needed to live a Catholic life.

2. Aranmore Catholic Primary School provides learning and teaching about the sacraments through the Religious Education program.
3. Students are provided with opportunities for catechesis through prayer and personal reflection.

4. Families are informed about the processes available in the parish for Sacramental preparation.

5. School Leadership is appropriately represented and contributes to Parish Sacramental Teams.

6. Aranmore Catholic Primary School works with the parish by providing resources and personnel to support parish based celebrations of the sacraments.

7. Aranmore Catholic Primary School collaborates with the Parish Religious Education Program in preparing young people to receive and celebrate the sacraments.

8. Students are provided with opportunities for ritual prayer and sacramental celebrations as part of the life of the school.