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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your interest in the faith and learning of children and young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. I am writing to advise that an updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website.

When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years. For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This is a work in progress and will take time.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. We've been surveying our schools about their experiences of trialling aspects of the Draft New Curriculum. As you would expect, we're continuing to make changes based on feedback from clergy, parents, teachers and students.

As a result, you'll notice that this document now includes references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and a new 'insights' section for teachers to use as a resource and guide. A guide to *Understanding the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta* has also been provided on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website to help community members learn more.

We know that it is important to keep our Catholic community updated about this approach that is all about sharing our Catholic faith with the next generation. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Howe'.

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