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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for walking with us on the journey towards a new Religious Education curriculum for students in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools. We have been working closely with clergy, parents, teachers, students and friends including experts in theology, scripture and Religious Education, on an updated version of this document that includes further changes in response to your feedback.

I am also very pleased to announce that this approach to sharing our Catholic faith with the next generation has been named for the first time. The curriculum will be known as ***Living Life to the Full***, a scriptural reference to Jesus' words in John 10:10: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." As Bishop Vincent says here, this reflects "the richness of our Catholic Tradition that enables fullness of life through the Gospel".

Now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more, *Living Life to the Full* will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the Religious Education curriculum that has been in place in the Diocese of Parramatta for 20 years. Faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Catholic Teaching and Values, *Living Life to the Full* is designed to be age appropriate for children and young people.

This is a work in progress: as a draft, changes will also continue to be made based on feedback from clergy, parents, teachers, students and friends. We very much appreciate the interest of our Catholic community in bringing the Gospel to children and young people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Whitby'.

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