

APPEAL AND REVIEW- ELEMENTARY AND CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A review or appeal of any decision concerning policies, procedures, other serious matters made by the competent authority of any of the Elementary and Consolidated Elementary Schools of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria may be requested by any member of the Diocese under the following conditions only:

- The decision violates or is in conflict with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, or
- The decision violates or is in conflict with an applicable diocesan policy, or
- The decision violates or is in conflict with a policy or procedure of the parish, the school, or other entity that takes precedence over the decision in question, or
- The decision violates or is in conflict with an applicable federal, state or local civil law.

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The individual or group desiring the appeal or the review of a decision must make that request known to the governing pastor or pastors' board responsible for the school in the form of a written letter. As a matter of record, a copy of the letter is to be forwarded to the local Vicar and to the Superintendent of Schools.

This letter must clearly cover each of the following points:

- The decision that is being questioned and which competent authority made it,
- The grounds for the appeal or the review with specific reference to one or more of the four (4) conditions listed in the policy statement above, and
- The proposed resolution.

The governing pastor or pastors' board, having received the request for appeal or review, is to respond to those making the request within thirty (30) days of receiving the request. A copy of the response letter is to be forwarded to the local Vicar having jurisdiction over the particular parish/elementary/consolidated elementary school and to the Superintendent of Schools.

In most cases, the decision of the governing pastor or pastors' board is final. However, those who have requested the appeal and review may further appeal the decision of the governing pastor or pastors' board to the local Vicar within thirty (30) days. The local Vicar has the authority to summarily dismiss the appeal or he may forward the appeal to the Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria and the Superintendent of Schools. The Vicar General shall make a final decision on the appeal in such cases. If the local Vicar decides to dismiss the case he must, as a matter of record, forward a copy of such decision to the Vicar General and the Superintendent of Schools.

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