



NORES (Northampton Religious Education Service) exists to support Catholic education and formation across the Diocese of Northampton. Our remit is wide including the management of Schools and Academies, Evangelisation and Catechesis, Adult Education and Religious Education in Schools. Reporting to Bishop Peter Doyle and led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell our main responsibilities are detailed below.

NORES as a whole

- communicates with schools, academies and parishes through NORES NEWS
- represents the Trustee at all appointments for reserved posts of Head and Deputy Head Teacher, RE and Chaplaincy posts
- organises and promotes diocesan events for education, especially the annual Education Celebration and NORES Lecture
- organises annual conferences for Head and Deputy Head Teachers
- is responsible for the inspection of our schools and academies as Catholic schools, and their Religious Education in accordance with canonical and civil law.
- monitors and publishes inspection reports and supports the implementation of recommendations
- shares in responsibility for support for schools and academies as and when needed, and with Local Authorities and other external agencies.
- represents the diocese on the statutory committees and other bodies as required by civil law
- works with other diocesan agencies in different ways, e.g. Finance Office, NYMO, Liturgy Commission, Vocations Team etc, and liaises with other denominational and faith bodies in this area.

Schools and Academies

- represents the Trustee to Government, DfE, and Local Authorities in terms of current and future provision, building projects, legal, statutory and finance issues
- directs the development of the academy provision across the diocese
- liaises with the Trustee and Diocesan Finance Office for our schools
- liaises with Local Authorities and EFA in areas of finance (LCVAP), buildings, admissions, HR issues (especially appointments, grievance and capability)
- liaises with consultants and professionals in building projects, their planning and implementation
- appoints and supports Foundation Governors, Academy Foundation Directors and Representatives
- offers training to all governors and directors especially in the area of Catholic ethos and Catholic education
- works with our schools and academies, other dioceses and CES to provide training for future Catholic leaders for our schools
- liaises with CES and Diocesan Schools Commissioners as part of the whole provision of Catholic education in England and Wales

Religious Education

- visits and supports staff teaching religious education at all phases
- organises meetings for Primary RE Coordinators and Secondary Heads of Department
- provides INSET meetings as required
- organises annual conferences
- represents the Trustee at all major appointments for religious education
- communicates national developments and initiatives
- contributes to Religious Education nationally as members of the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisers
- with the Liturgy Commission offers courses for liturgy with young people



Chaplaincy and Pastoral Support

- liaises with all chaplaincy staff in schools, academies and tertiary education
- provides support and training for all chaplaincy staff
- offers opportunities for reflection and training to support staff in schools and academies
- represents the Trustee at all chaplaincy appointments
- liaises with Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education and the network of Diocesan Chaplaincy Coordinators
- promotes and develops programmes and systems of pastoral care, e.g. "Rainbows"

Adult Formation

- Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies
- Theology for Teachers
- Pastoral Ministry Course
- MA in Pastoral Theology (with St Mary's University College)
- liaises with the Association of Adult Religious Educators
- Bishop's Council for Catechists – liaises with catechists in parishes, offering support and courses

Catechetics

- supports Catechists and the Bishop's Council for Catechists
- promotes local formation at Levels 1 and 2 for catechists
- offers deanery and diocesan meetings for training, support and networking

Evangelisation - Diocesan Evangelisation Team

- liaises with parishes and other groups and individuals offering support and courses, promoting local and practical initiatives for the New Evangelisation.
- liaises with the Home Missions Desk and Diocesan Evangelisation Co-ordinators.

For our latest calendar of events, NORES News and other information, have a look at our website:

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