PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE valid from 2028

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Preference of Enrolment Certificate
for the Archdiocese of Wellington

This is to certify that

In accordance with the Education and Training Act 2020 Schedule 6, Cl 26 and Catholic School Integration Agreements, through a general or particular religious connection as stated in the Preference Criteria Numbers: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5.
(*Please refer to Criteria details on back of form*)

MR/MRS/MS_____

Address_____

Is/are eligible to have preference of enrolment for their child at

_____School/College

In_____Town/City

Name of child_____

I/We undertake to support our child in the formation of their faith and the practices of the Catholic church. I/we further agree that my/our contact details will be shared with the school and parish for the purpose of faith formation.

Parent(s)/Caregivers Signature_____Date_____

Under which Criterion (see reverse) is the child eligible for preference?_____

If Criterion 5.1 applies please complete:

Baptised in _____ at _____ on_____

If Criterion 5.4 applies please complete the section on the back of this form.

Certified by (Name):_____as authorised agent of the

Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of_____

Position: _____
(*see: Administration of the Criteria, 6.1.1-6.1.6, Agents who may sign, listed over page)*

Address:_____

Signature_____Date_____

This form must be completed by the Parent(s)/Caregiver(s), and the Parish Priest or other designated authorities *prior* to the enrolment of a student in a Catholic Integrated School.

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Criteria for Preference of Enrolment in Integrated Catholic Schools

5.1 The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.

5.2 The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.

5.3 At least one parent/guardian is a Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptised, the child's participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptised.

5.4 With the agreement of the child's parent/guardian, a significant familial adult such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle who is actively involved in the child's upbringing undertakes to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.

5.5 One or both of a child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

Agents of the Bishop, Who May Sign the Certificate on his Behalf

6.1.1 Parish Priest of their Parish of Residence
6.1.2 Assistant Priest of their Parish of Residence
6.1.3 Priests appointed under c. 517/1
6.1.4 Deacons and lay persons appointed to pastoral care under c. 517/2
6.1.5 Ethnic chaplains who liaise with Parish Priests or their delegate
6.1.6 Local committees appointed by the Bishop or by any of the above agents of the Bishop.

Process of Appeal

If a preference certificate has been refused and the parents, either directly or through the Principal, wish to appeal the matter, the application can be referred to the Proprietors' Office (Diocesan Education Office). The Director of the Office, or whoever is the appointed appeal authority in the diocese, after making whatever investigation is necessary, including consulting the Parish Priest if appropriate, will make a ruling, or seek a ruling from the Bishop. The Parish Priest or delegated person who refused the certificate in the first instance is normally informed whenever a preference certificate is issued in virtue of this paragraph.

Please note that in the Archdiocese of Wellington, the appointed appeal authority is the Vicar for Education, contact phone: (04) 496 1735.

If Criterion 5.4 (above) applies, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and significant familial adult completes the following: The significant familial adult must also complete a 'Supporting Evidence Form' and submit it to their Parish Priest. Please see 'Process for Applying for a Preference of Enrolment Certificate Criterion 5.4' for full details.

Significant familial adult:

I agree to support _____(child's name) formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church and agree to my contact details being available to the school and parish for this purpose.

Mr/Mrs/Ms:_____

Address:_____

Relationship to child:_____ Email address:_____Phone No:_____

Parish_____

Signature_____ Date:_____

Parent(s)/Caregiver(s):

I agree that my child will be supported by: _____ in the formation of the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. I/we further agree that my/our contact details will be shared with the school and parish for the purpose of faith formation.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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