

*National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective*

*Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*

**Rubrics for Benchmarks**

**Standard 2: An excellent Catholic school adhering to mission provides a rigorous academic program for religious studies and catechesis in the Catholic faith, set within a total academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.**

**Benchmark: 2.1**

Religious education curriculum and instruction meets the religious education requirements and standards of the (arch)diocese.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	Religious education curriculum and instruction at all levels in each course and in each unit meets or exceeds requirements and standards of the (arch)diocese. The requirements are evidenced in every course and unit. Courses are vertically aligned, scaffolded, and rigorous to ensure continuous growth in the knowledge of religion for all students.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	Religious education curriculum and instruction meets the religious education requirements and standards of the (arch)diocese. The requirements are evidenced in course expectations, grade level expectations, and course content.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	Religious education curriculum and instruction meets some of the religious education requirements and/or standards of the (arch)diocese.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	Religious education and curriculum and instruction does not meet the religious education requirements and standards of the (arch)diocese.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lesson plans</li><li>• The Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age (USCCB)</li><li>• National Directory of Catechesis</li><li>• Religion curriculum/graded course of study</li><li>• Curriculum maps, syllabi</li><li>• Course work offered beyond what is required in the standards</li></ul>