Dear Parents/Guardians

On Wednesday 13th October 2010, all Year 8 students in Sydney Catholic Secondary Schools (systemic) will sit for the Year 8 Religious Education Test. Students from the Lismore, Bathurst and Wilcannia-Forbes Dioceses will also sit for this test.

The questions are designed to assess knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith as taught in Catholic Secondary schools. Questions are based on the Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) Religious Education Curriculum.

The test will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions and will be scored out of a possible 50 marks. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) at the University of New South Wales will mark the test, analyse the results and produce the reports and certificates.

The Year 8 Religious Education Test is an assessment of and for learning, and will provide valuable information regarding your child’s understanding of the Catholic faith and their overall progress in Religious Education. Furthermore, the results of the test will enable our school to provide additional assistance to support your child in her learning, especially in areas of identified need.

Thank you for your support of this test and please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s Religious Education teacher if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Ann Freeman
Religious Education Co-ordinator