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To: Management Authorities of Second-Level Schools

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Junior Certificate Examination 2003

A syllabus for **Religious Education at Junior Certificate**, Higher and Ordinary levels, will be introduced in September 2000 for examination in 2003 and after.

Copies of the Syllabus will be issued shortly.

The syllabus, which is optional, will be introduced on a phased basis, beginning with about 50 schools in September 2000 (First Year Pupils). A further cohort of schools will be invited to offer the course in 2001 and the remainder in 2002.

Schools choosing to offer this Religious Education course in 2000 are invited to complete the attached form and return it **before 30 September, 1999**, to *Galway Education Centre, Unit 5, Town Park House, Tuam Road, Galway*.

The 50 schools chosen to introduce the course in September 2000 will represent the full range of school types, sizes and location. In addition the cohort of teachers involved will represent the full range of teacher qualifications in Religious Education.

The schools selected will be informed in the Autumn as it is planned to commence in-service for the first cohort of teachers in January 2000. Details of the in-service will be communicated to schools as soon as possible. Guidelines for Teachers of Religious Education will be issued at the commencement of in-service.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment recommends that three class periods per week be allocated for the study of this subject.

School authorities are requested to provide a copy of this circular for the parents' and teachers' representatives on their respective Boards of Management, where such exist, or for the parents' association/National Parents Council representatives or other appropriate representatives of parents and teachers.

John Dennehy
Secretary General.

17 June, 1999.

Religious Education in the Junior Certificate Examination

1. General Information

School Name and Address			
Phone/fax/e-mail			
Roll Number			
Current Enrolment		No. Boys _____	
		No. Girls _____	

2. Introducing the new course

The school would be interested in introducing the new course in (please tick)	September 2000 <input type="checkbox"/>	September 2001 <input type="checkbox"/>	September 2002 <input type="checkbox"/>
No. of first year class groups likely to be involved			
Qualifications of teachers likely to be involved.	Teacher 1. _____ Teacher 2. _____ Teacher 3. _____ Teacher 4. _____		

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