

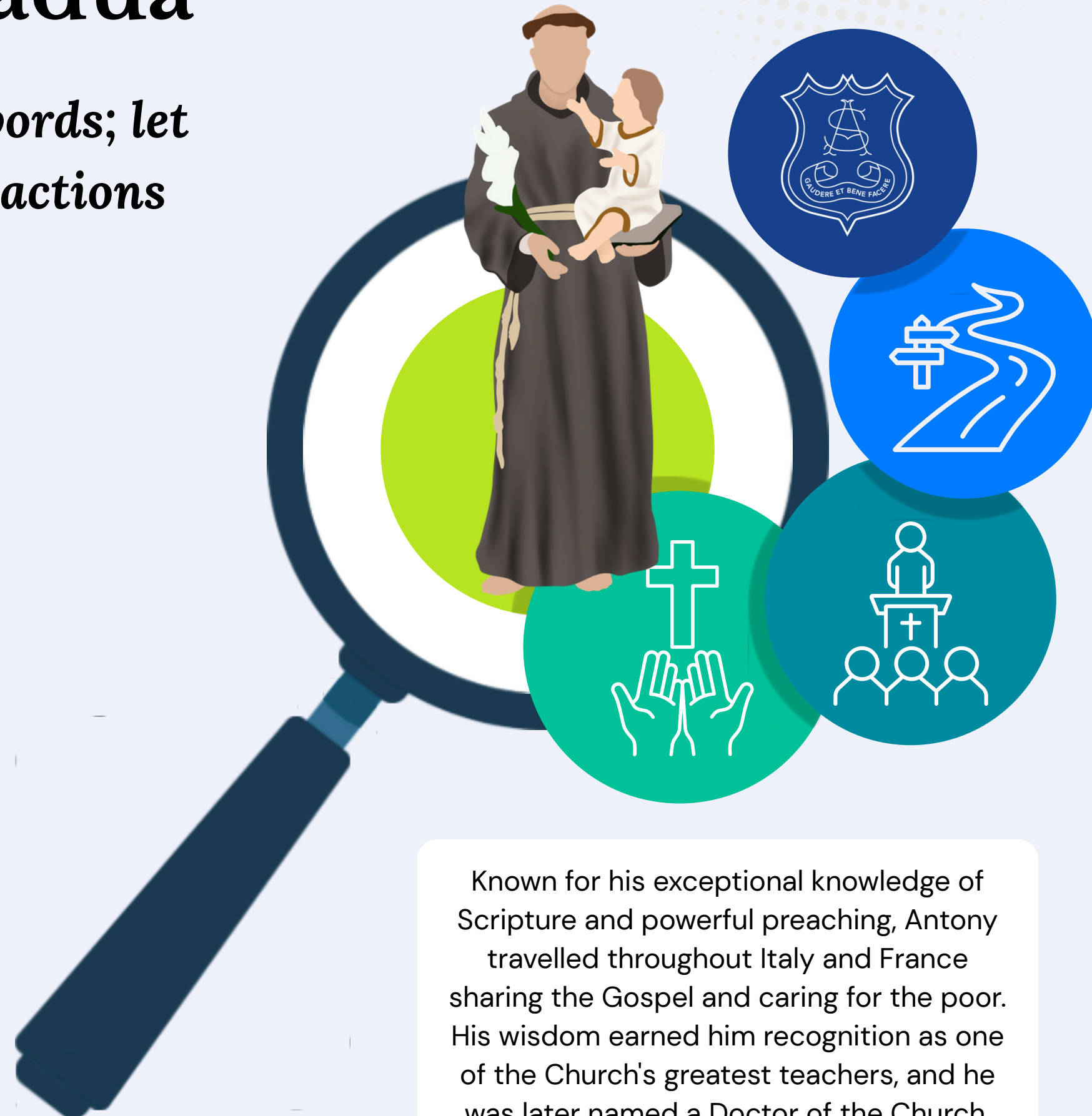
St Antony of Padua

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."

Feast Day: 13 June

St Antony of Padua (1195 to 1231) is the patron saint of our school and a wonderful example of faith, service, and compassion. Born in Lisbon, Portugal, as Fernando Martins de Bulhões, he joined the Franciscan Order and dedicated his life to following Christ through prayer, preaching, and caring for those in need.

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Known for his exceptional knowledge of Scripture and powerful preaching, Antony travelled throughout Italy and France sharing the Gospel and caring for the poor. His wisdom earned him recognition as one of the Church's greatest teachers, and he was later named a Doctor of the Church.

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As the patron saint of Leweston, St Antony inspires our school community to live with kindness, humility, perseverance, and a commitment to serving others. His example encourages us to seek God in all that we do and to support one another as members of a caring and faith filled community.

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Antony died near Padua, Italy, on 13 June 1231 and was canonised less than a year later. Today, he is especially known as the patron saint of lost things and is remembered for his faith, humility, and commitment to helping others find their way to God.

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Gaudere et Bene Facere ‘Rejoice and Do Well’

Christ at the Centre

With Christ at the centre, our school is a community where every person is valued, supported, and encouraged to flourish.

Catholic Life & Mission

Our Catholic Life and Mission foster a community where faith is lived, celebrated, and expressed through service to others.

Prayer Life & Faith Leaders

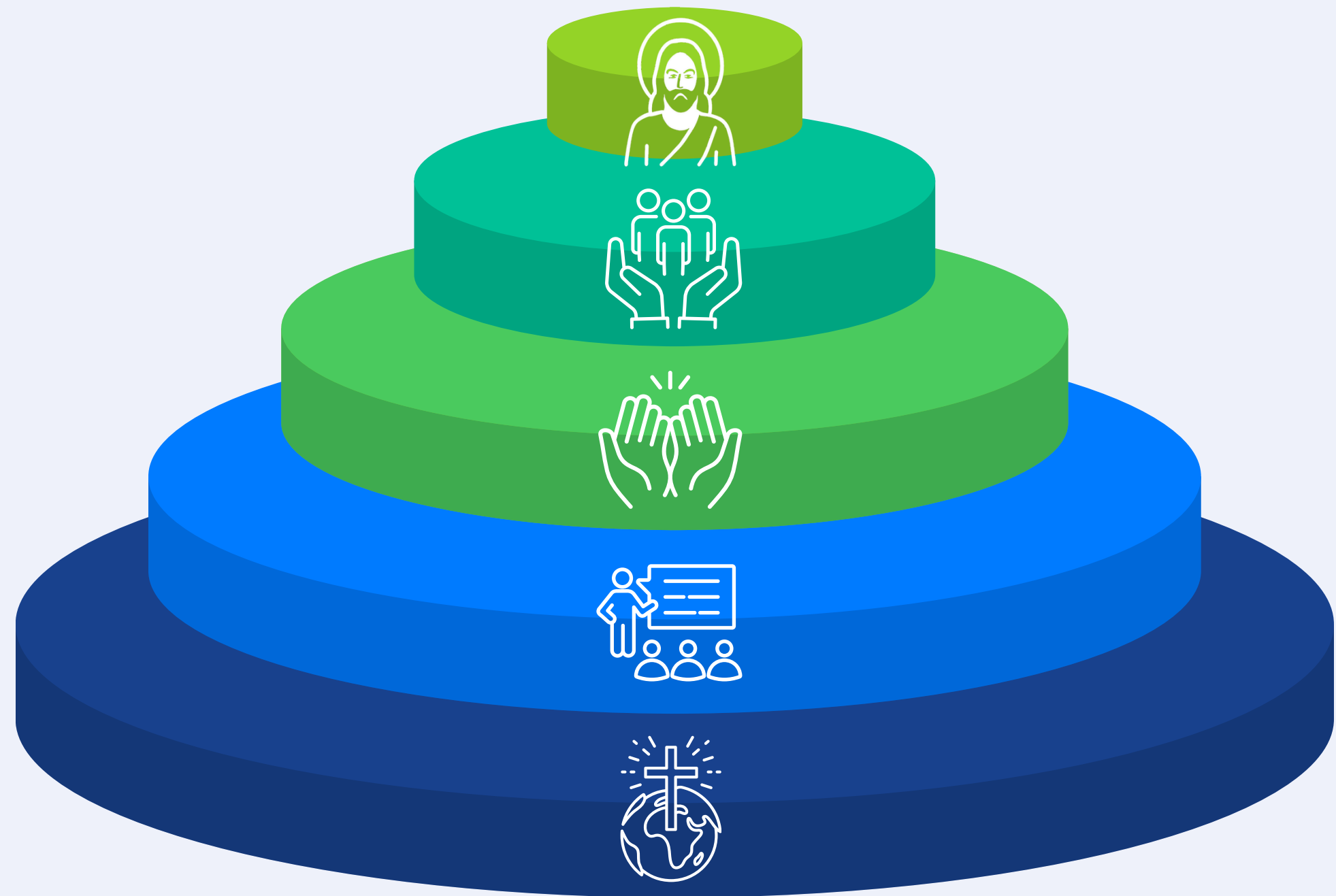
Prayer raises our ‘hearts and minds to God’, and our Faith Leaders play a vital role in leading worship, encouraging spiritual growth, and strengthening our Catholic identity.

Religious Education

As the ‘core of the core’ curriculum, Religious Education holds a distinctive place in school life, nurturing spiritual, moral, intellectual, and personal growth through the study.

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is woven throughout our curriculum and wider school life, inspiring pupils to act with compassion, promote justice, and become agents of positive change in the world.



Catholic Social Teaching

At Leweston we believe....

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Human Dignity

... every person is created in God's image and deserves dignity and respect.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
Jeremiah 1:5

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Family & Community

... that supporting one another builds stronger communities and a better world.

"Let the Church always be a place ... where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."
Pope Francis

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Solidarity & Common Good

... we are one human family, looking beyond ourselves to help others reach their full potential.

"You did this to one of the least of these of mine, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40

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Rights and Responsibilities

... every person has fundamental rights and a responsibility to respect and uphold the rights of others.

"Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."
Proverbs 31:9

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Option for the Poor

... in prioritising the women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

"He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free."
Luke 4:18

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The Dignity of Work

... in every person's right to participate in the decisions that affect their own lives.

"Work must be a source of hope and life, allowing the expression of individual creativity and capacity for good." Pope Leo XIV

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Stewardship

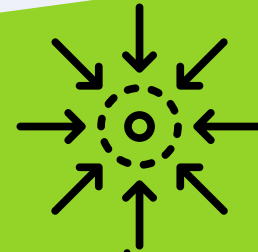
... that protecting creation and caring for one another are shared responsibilities.

"Care for nature so that it cares for us."
Pope Francis

Religious Education: The Core of the Core Curriculum

At the heart of the curriculum

At our school, Religious Education (Prep School RE & Senior School RS) is not merely one subject among many; it is the foundation of our entire educational enterprise. In alignment with the requirements of the Diocese of Plymouth and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, RE is designated as a core academic discipline. It stands at the heart of our curriculum, throughout the life of a student at Leweston.



Critical thinking, empathy and analytical skills

Through rigorous academic inquiry, theological reflection, and deep textual study, we empower our students to engage critically with ultimate questions of meaning, purpose, and value. Our curriculum shapes religiously literate young people capable of thinking deeply, dialogue respectfully, and living out our Gospel values in a diverse global society.



Religious Education Directory (RED), 'To Know You More Clearly'

We are proud to be actively transitioning our curriculum in line with the new national Religious Education Directory (RED), 'To Know You More Clearly', mandated by the Bishops' Conference. This modern framework updates our theological exploration across six core programmatic branches from Early Years up into the Senior phases.



Curriculum Journey

Our curriculum called the 'Emmaus Journey' outlines how our early years, primary, and secondary frameworks are adapting to meet the RED framework, ensuring our theological provision remains exceptionally robust and spiritually enriching.

Religious Education: The Core of the Core Curriculum

Prep RE: EYFS – Prep 6

Students participate by listening to scripture, exploring beliefs, celebrating differences, and living out the Gospel in their daily lives..



KS3 RS: Year 7–9

Students understand, discern, and respond to Scripture, the historical development of the Church, and Catholic Social Teaching. Dedicated units explore secular worldviews and the beliefs and practices of other major world faiths, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism..



KS4 GCSE RS: Year 10–11

All students study the full GCSE Religious Studies course. We follow the Edexcel Specification A, focusing on Catholic Christianity through the study of beliefs and teachings, practices, sources of wisdom and authority, and forms of expression. Students also undertake a comparative study of Judaism and explore philosophical and ethical issues from religious and non-religious perspectives.



KS5 General RS: Year 12–13

All Sixth Form students participate in our engaging Core Religious Studies programme, exploring Catholic Social Teaching, contemporary moral issues, and the practical application of faith in everyday life.



KS5 A Level RS: Year 12–13

Students choosing to pursue Religious Studies at A Level follow the Edexcel specification, developing sophisticated theological, philosophical, and ethical understanding through the study of Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, and New Testament Studies.



Religious Education Directory (RED), 'To Know You More Clearly'

Religious Education is the core of the core curriculum and is to be the source and summit of the whole curriculum.

