Policy 2 – Appendix C

RELEVANT CANON LAW CONCEPTS AND REFERENCES

Edmonton Catholic Schools is both "Catholic" and "separate", the first adjective being an ecclesiastical and the second being a civil designation, requiring the Division and Board to adhere to the principles and intent of both Canon law and civil law.

The civil law is comprised primarily of those denominational school rights, privileges and responsibilities granted in the *Constitution Act*, 1867, s. 93, the *Alberta Act*, 1905, s. 17, the *Education Act*, and the regulations pursuant to the *Education Act*.

In Canon law, the Division and Board acknowledge accountability to the Archbishop of Edmonton in the following particulars:

1. The duty and right of educating students in a Catholic education environment belongs to the Church (Canon 794, ss. 1);

2. Catholic education must strive for the complete formation of the human person; intellectually, physically, morally, and spiritually (Canon 795);

3. Interpretation and application of the civil laws must occur in a way that provides for the religious and moral education of the students in Edmonton Catholic Schools (Canon 799);

4. Edmonton Catholic Schools is recognized as Catholic pursuant to the authority and direction of the Archbishop of Edmonton (Canon 803, ss. 1);

5. The Archbishop of Edmonton is entitled to ensure that instruction and education in Edmonton Catholic Schools is grounded in the principles of Catholic doctrine and teaching, and that the teachers in Edmonton Catholic Schools are outstanding in correct doctrine and integrity of life (Canon 803, ss. 2; Canon 804, ss. 2; Canon 805);

6. Catholic religious instruction in Edmonton Catholic Schools is subject to the authority of the Archbishop of Edmonton (Canon 804, ss. 1);

7. The Archbishop of Edmonton has the right to watch over and visit the Catholic schools of Edmonton Catholic Schools (Canon 806, ss. 1); and

8. The Archbishop of Edmonton may issue prescripts which pertain to the regulation of Edmonton Catholic Schools (Canon 806, ss. 1).