

Policy Manual – Students

S.M.14 – Holy Childhood Society

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Holy Childhood Society (Pontifical Missionary Work for Children) is recognized as the Board's official charity for aiding in the care of children in the Developing South.

Each year, the Holy Childhood Association (HCA) invites Catholic students to become missionaries for Christ - to share their love with needy children in the developing world. As one of the Church's four Pontifical Mission Societies, HCA asks students to spread the Good News by learning about, praying for and sharing with less fortunate children around the world. Student donations sent to the mission for children provide food, medicine, housing and education.

Purpose

The Mission Program of the Holy Childhood Association is supported by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Student membership in HCA shall be open to all children, regardless of financial situation. Donations to HCA shall be made on a voluntary basis.

The Board supports the Holy Childhood Society.

Responsibility: Senior Administration

Regulations: N/A

Related Board Committee: Religion & Family Life & Instructional Services

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