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***To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools***  
**Leaving Certificate Religious Education, 2020**  
**Prescribed Titles for Practical Coursework**

1. A new syllabus for Leaving Certificate Religious Education was introduced in September 2003 and was examined for the first time in 2005.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements: (1) a final written paper, and (2) coursework.
3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. At both levels, coursework will account for 20% of the marks.
4. The titles for coursework for the Leaving Certificate examination 2020 are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit coursework on **one title only** taken from *either* Section I *or* Section J. Candidates should note that they will not be examined on these sections of the syllabus in the written examination in 2020.
5. Guidelines for undertaking coursework are included in *Religious Education Leaving Certificate Higher and Ordinary Level - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued with the syllabus in June 2003.
6. The coursework must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet, which will be issued in due course for that purpose. The coursework booklet will be broken into two components, Part A and Part B.
  - Part A will request a summary of the candidate's investigation of the chosen title.
  - Part B will be for the candidate's personal reflection on the learning, skills and experience gained through undertaking coursework on the chosen title.
7. Please bring this circular and the attached list of coursework titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
8. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.
9. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 0906442746/0906442825.

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## PRESCRIBED TITLES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSEWORK

### IN THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION OF 2020

A choice of two titles is given in each of Sections I and J below. Candidates should base their coursework on **one** title only, taken from *either* Section I *or* Section J.

#### SECTION I: RELIGION: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

- I. 1 *Irish myths and sagas from ancient times contain evidence of religious belief.*

An investigation into the evidence of Pre-Christian religious belief found in **two** Irish myths or sagas.

- I. 2 ● CARDINAL PAUL CULLEN                      ● THE BELFAST ENLIGHTENMENT

A case study on how the ideas of the Enlightenment can be seen in the way **one** of the above contributed to the development of Christianity in Ireland.

#### SECTION J: RELIGION AND SCIENCE

- J. 1 A profile of the implications that **two** different images of God have for the relationship between religion and science.

- J. 2 An analysis of the concerns that are shared by religion and science on questions to do with the beginning of human life.