

**Kelleher, Padraic, 2001, *Teaching religion today —Towards a methodology to meet student needs in a second level school.***

### **ABSTRACT OF DISSERTATION**

This dissertation examines current practice in the teaching of Religious Education. Difficulties in the classroom are discussed and the perception of RE by young people in four Cork schools.

The time is a challenging one for those engaged in the faith formation of young people but it is also a time for reform and renewal of current practice within the religion class. Special attention is paid to the dimensions of Christian faith by Groome.

A recent development in the field of RE is the introduction of religion as an examination subject. The difficulties that the new syllabus pose include whether the syllabus includes a catechetical dimension. The methods used in RE are examined and some conclusions are drawn. The literature reviewed and the information cited is correct as of 2' July 2001.