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Twelve Educational Technology Tools Any Teacher Can Use Effectively

- Many resources will be put on tablets in the future
- thereligionteacher.com - RE resources on this website
- Technology is the servant of teachers. Students react to effective and engaging teachers – technology tools will keep changing. Important to apply technology simply.
- Technology is for knowledge and faith development to be used by the RE Teacher.
i.e. learning process/conversion process
- Technology use for learning based on constructive learning is more effective i.e. building on what kids already know – mind mapping networks.
i.e. scaffolding theory i.e. connecting with the known.
- Microsoft 2010 – webinar system is helpful
- Catechesis is a journey i.e. faith development
- Faith builds on prior experience with God – moves into service. Witness presentations are faith developers

Free Downloadable Tools

Google – searching for information to build on whatever the topic under question happens to be. Use graphic organiser to help students in their search

- 1.0 **Power Point** (Google has free formats for this) - students create one for a presentation i.e. a summary of information and understanding, also apply and assess information. Use photos, pictures.
- 2.0 **Google docs** (Very supple and flexible)
 - Spreadsheets
 - Documents
 - Drawings
 - FormsAlso sorts of group tools (free)
Teacher tools
- 4.0 **Evernote Organisational Tool** (evernote.com) i.e. a note taking application is free: huge memory. Voice recordings etc - easy to clip from the web. This is an organisation tool.

- 5.0 **Prezi** - Visual presentation tool i.e. a template
- 6.0 **You Tube** - be careful with privacy issues
- use effectively as a learning tool
- so easy now to create these with smart phones etc.
- 7.0 **Free Catechetical Videos** for students www.thereligionteacher.com/videos
- 8.0 **Screencasting** – ‘Screen’ (free on the web)
- “flipping the classroom” i.e. videos, a re-run of what the teacher presented during the day and can be used at home.
- 9.0 **Ancinoto** - i.e. video slideshow maker
- 10.0 **Musical input in RE classrooms**– CD's, tapes, Ipods, etc. Various music as forms of prayer. Music connects us emotionally – gets in touch with the God experience. Baroque and classical music.
Ipad – musical templates for creating songs.
- 11.0 **Wordle** - a type of mosaic in words- patch/paste/blog/word cloud creation. Exciting!!
- 12.0 **Quora.com** - throwing out a creative question or two for others to answer – a type of wikipedia. It can sometimes be rough and threatening i.e. simply asking a question in cyberspace.
- 13.0 **Facebook and Faith**- teacher created his/her own Facebook in the faith
- 14.0 **Google Plus** - simply for a restricted number of friends or specific knowledge circles (safer than Facebook).

(Much of this information, plus free resources, is on the Ave Maria Press website www.avemariapress.com)