

## **The Relationship of Religion with (School) Education during the Communist Regime in Romania - Key Points**

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### **Abstract**

During the communist period we cannot talk about a religious education in the Church and in the public schools in Romania. The Communists knew that those who had the power to determine the education of the young generation would have a long-term influence on society in the future, although, after taking power, they could not act against Church institutions because the population vehemently opposed it. Therefore, they came up with the proposal to pay priests for spiritual and liturgical activity, as employees of the state. But, on the other hand, what was required, without any compromise, was the immediate elimination of religion as a school subject. It is known that „progressive” illusions have been „tested” in Romania for about 50 years, throughout the communist regime. The lack of religious education among children and young people distanced them from moral and religious values, and therefore from their cultural and spiritual identity.