

Dear Parents,

The Holy Roman Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary sexuality educators of their children.* This is a challenging obligation for which, unfortunately, there are relatively few available aids. We have arranged for a new, remarkable resource to be provided to you and your family: the enclosed book, *Sexual Wisdom for Catholic Adolescents*. This is a comprehensive, easy-to-read, clear discussion of Roman Catholic Church teaching about human sexuality. We strongly encourage you to read the “Introduction to Parents” and familiarize yourself with the course and then decide if you wish to go through the course with your student or have the student read it on his or her own.

In cases in which parents are unable to read the course with the child, parents should ensure that the student is aware of the glossary at the end of the course for an explanation of terms with which the student may be unfamiliar. Also, such students should be encouraged to address questions about the course to their parents or a wise and holy priest. The “Adolescent Course Examination” may be used to document that the student read and comprehended the material. We do not recommend that the appendices for younger children, found at the end of the course, be self-taught. This book is not to be used in group settings.

We hope that this resource proves most valuable to you and your student.

Sincerely,



I received a copy of *Sexual Wisdom for Catholic Adolescents* from my student.

Student’s name: _____

Parent signature: _____

(Please have the student return this to his or her teacher)

* *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality: Guidelines for Education within the Family* (1995) by the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: 1632, 2221, 2223. *Familiaris Consortio*: 36, 37.