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Dear Parents,

We are introducing a program called *Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition*. This curriculum is based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which asks and answers two main questions: *Who am I? and How should I live?*

The information presented will be integrated under the Grade 7 Catholic Health Education Curriculum Guidelines and under the following BC Health Education Curriculum Competencies:

- Describe and assess strategies for responding to discrimination, stereotyping, and bullying
- Describe and apply strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships
- Describe and assess strategies for promoting mental well-being, for self and others
- Create and assess strategies for managing physical, emotional, and social changes during puberty and adolescence
- Explore the impact of transition and change on identities

For more information about these learning outcomes, you may go to: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/physical-health-education/7>. Certain topics such as abortion, birth control, and STDs will be presented by the grade 7 teachers within the framework of the Catholic Church.

The Theology of the Body program we will be using offers a positive message of the gift of sexuality as a good and essential part of love and life. We will learn about love and relationships through which we will seek to understand the true freedom and happiness that comes from following the teachings of Christ.

Recognizing parents as the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and morals, this program strongly encourages parents to read and discuss contents of *Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition*. This textbook will be made available to all parents and students throughout the teaching of this unit (simply ask your son or daughter to share their copy with you). You may also wish to visit TOBforTeens.com, where you can find program endorsements, video clips, frequently asked questions, and further parent and student resources.

As a parent/guardian you may request that your child be excluded from the above-identified instruction, without academic penalty, by having your child leave the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place or where the instructional material is being used for the duration of that part of the instruction.

Please complete and submit the attached student consent form no later than **Monday, September 25th 2017**. If you have any questions regarding this program, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Krol & Ms. Molina

Name of student: _____

Class: _____

_____ My child is permitted to participate in the *Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition Program*

_____ My child is not permitted to participate in the *Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition Program*

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date