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RE: Religious Education Unit 6.7 Growing as God Wants: Human Sexuality

Dear Parents/Carers,

The basic purpose for which God created the human body is so that human beings can express the love and the goodness within them. Sexuality is the distinctive ways males and females express love and goodness through their thoughts, feelings, bodies and relationships.

The next Religious Education unit begins by exploring the Catholic understanding of sexuality. It focuses in particular upon the special way husband and wife express their sexuality in the Sacrament of Marriage.

The unit introduces to the children ways in which Jesus always expressed love and goodness through his body. It then presents how he makes his followers 'new creatures' through Baptism so that they can do the same. The Rite of Baptism and symbols used during the Baptismal ceremony will also be explored.

Finally, the unit explores ways in which the two Great Commandments help people understand how to express love and goodness through their bodies.

You could help your child during this unit by, for example:

- Talking with them about the changes which are occurring in their bodies as they grow older
- Identifying ways in which family members use their bodies to relate with each other
- Talking with them about their Baptism (if applicable)

Education of children in human sexuality is the right primarily of parents. Schools support parents in this area. If you would prefer to teach about sexual development to your child personally, and not wish your child to be present during lessons when this content is being taught, please indicate this to the class teacher. The resource materials being used in class will be made available to you to use at home.

Yours sincerely,

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