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Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

According to the Religious Education Policies promulgated by the Department of Educational Services through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ascension is charged with ensuring that, "...all catechetical efforts should incorporate a respect life component that includes the Catholic perspective on sexuality."

This year, as stated in our Parent Handbook, we will be offering to the sixth and seventh graders a video presentation entitled, "Sex, Love and Relationships" by renowned speaker Pam Stenzel. Pam combines her personal story and extensive pregnancy counseling experience into a hard hitting look at the consequences of sexual activity outside a monogamous lifetime commitment. Pam tackles the tough issues of sex with candor, insights, and humor, while challenging young people to embrace the benefits of abstinence. Our eighth graders will have a live presentation by a group of students from Carroll High School this year sponsored through their Youth Ministry Department.

We are planning to show the videos and have the eighth grade program during regular class time on Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21. Along with the classroom catechist we will have an adult facilitator with each group. This, hopefully, should allow for some discussion on the church teaching on sexuality after the information has been presented. Parents, as always, are highly encouraged to attend with your child.

For parents interested in previewing this material before it is shown or viewing with their student, please call the office.

Please have your student return this permission form to class

Name _____ Grade _____ Mon/Sun

Parent Signature _____

- I give permission for my child to view this video/attend this live presentation
- I prefer that my child not view this video/attend this live presentation
- I will attend the presentation with my child