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Dear Parents/Guardians of St. Lawrence CRE students in grades 5, 6, 7, & 8:

You are invited to attend a Parent Meeting on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:30pm in Cafeteria** to preview the Catholic Chastity Education materials that will be offered to you and your middle school students this year.

Student Lessons are scheduled to be presented as follows:

DATE	Curriculum
November, 2018	<i>All Grades - Circle of Grace as required by the Archdiocese of Detroit</i>
Nov. – Dec., 2018	<i>5th Grade - Purely You Lessons 1, 2, 3</i>
Jan. – Feb., 2019	<i>6th Grade - Purely You Lessons 4, 5, 6</i>
January 23, 2019	6th Grade Students WITH Parents (7th & 8th grade welcome, too!) "PURE <i>ly</i> You!" Physical Growth Video Presentation 6:30p-8:30p Note: Male/Female presentations will be separate.
Jan. – Feb., 2019	<i>7th Grade - Theology of the Body for Teens – Middle School Edition</i>
March, 2019	<i>8th Grade - "Why Wait" Chapter 22 in Chosen</i>

Please indicate your permission for your child to participate in these lessons and return the bottom portion of this letter to the CRE Office or your child's catechist by **November 26/27, 2018**. A different religion lesson about virtues will be provided if needed. Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Growing together in faith and wisdom,

Lisa Rajnicek

Deann Sitler

Mrs. Lisa Rajnicek, Director

Mrs. Deann Sitler, Youth Minister

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ST. LAWRENCE CRE - CATHOLIC CHASTITY EDUCATION LESSONS

Instruction on the Church's teachings regarding chastity will begin in November, 2018 for grades 5 through 8. Please return this **OPT IN/OUT** form to your child's catechist or to the CRE office no later than **November 26/27, 2018**.

<u>Grade 6</u>
Child's Name: _____
Catechist: _____
Circle both to indicate your 6 th grader's attendance:
a) My student WILL / WILL NOT attend the "PURE <i>ly</i> You!" video session.
b) My student WILL / WILL NOT attend the "PURE <i>ly</i> You!" chastity class lessons

<u>Grades 5, 7, & 8</u>
Child's Name: _____
Grade: _____, Catechist _____
My student WILL / WILL NOT attend the "PURE <i>ly</i> You!" or "Theology of the Body" or "Chosen" chastity class lessons

X _____
(parent/legal guardian signature)

Circle of Grace

Safe Environment
Training Program



What is the Circle of Grace?

Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist children and youth to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace. Your Circle of Grace holds your very essence in body, mind, heart, soul, and sexuality. This is taught in a visual and real way by the following meditation. One can demonstrate this meditation and ponder it's profound simplicity.

PUREly YOU!™

Growing God's Way

www.purelyyou.org

As a program designed to reinforce parents' role as primary educators, **PUREly YOU! Growing God's Way** is a set of tools the help parents teach their children about the beauty of sexuality. and what to expect at the onset of puberty. The materials are infused with the **positive language of the Theology of the Body** and though geared for approximately 5th grade, parents are encouraged to learn this enlightening vocabulary and apply it (when it becomes appropriate) as their children grow from infancy and on through the teen years.

PUREly YOU! is designed to help children understand:

- What it means to be made in God's image
- How adolescence is part of God's plan.
- That each vocation is a call to love which brings forth physical life and/or spiritual life.
- How caring for themselves physically, emotionally, spiritually and morally will help them respond to God's call.
- How virtuous living leads to conforming oneself to Christ and experiencing authentic joy.
- That chaste love is pure love modeled after God's love for us.
- What love is (and is not)!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY *for Teens*

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION

Visit TOBforTeens.com to learn more!

Discovering God's Plan For Love and Life

Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition answers the questions your middle school students may have about sexual morality, relationships, and how they were uniquely created for greatness. This program uses a dynamic mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, all packed into eight life-changing lessons.

***Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition* answers questions such as:**

- Who am I?
- Are there consequences to my actions?
- What is the difference between love and lust?
- How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, Internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?
- How can I discern my vocation to marriage, priesthood, or religious life?
- How do I deal with bullying, gossip, peer pressure, pornography, divorce, etc?
- Can I live my Catholic faith no matter how I messed up in the past?

... and many more.



Chapter 22: "Why Wait?"

The lesson presents chastity as the path to authentic love. Marriage mirrors the love of the Blessed Trinity with creative, life-giving, and sacrificial love. While sexual sin has serious consequences, God's grace is available for those who want to experience authentic love and joy. Through the sacraments we receive the healing and strength we need to live holy lives.