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Dear Friends,

One of the most important gifts we can hand on to our youth is the gift of our faith, which will help them understand God’s plan for life, love, relationships and marriage. For the past eight years, the Created for Love chastity curriculum has been taught to 7th grade students in schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese. I am pleased to announce that important revisions have been completed on the Created for Love curriculum that will now be available for all middle school students in the Archdiocese.

The revised chastity curriculum is the result of collaboration between the Offices of Respect Life Education, Faith Formation & Parish Support, Catholic Schools, and Child Advocacy. The revisions concentrate on the joy of living according to God’s plan while highlighting the universal call to holiness through the discernment of one’s vocation. New sections on vocations, family life and adoption allow for a more comprehensive, integrated model that will be woven into the existing religion curricula in schools and parishes beginning in Grade 6 and continuing through Grade 8.

Created for Love is of utmost importance in the moral development of our Catholic youth. It lends support to Catholic parents whose duty it is to raise their children in the faith. I strongly endorse Created for Love and its synthesis of sound Catholic moral teaching and hereby direct all parishes and schools in its implementation.

Our expectation is that Created for Love will be phased-in between January and June 2015, with all parishes and schools fully embracing this mandate by September 2015. Please give this curriculum your most serious attention.

In order to assist the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese, the Respect Life Education Office has been directed to coordinate all training and implementation with the support of the Offices of Faith Formation & Parish Support, Catholic Schools, and Child Advocacy. Grateful for your cooperation in incorporating Created for Love into our mission to teach God’s Word and Truth, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Boston