

To: All Parents

From: Deacon James Benisek, Director of Religious Education

Subject: Formation in Christian Chastity

Date: September 16, 2020

During the month of November, religious education programs throughout the Diocese of Arlington are required to present material and/or classes on formation in Christian chastity. The material that is utilized is age-appropriate and is completely in accord with Catholic teaching.

This material will be presented as follows:

**Grades 2, 3 and 4: Per Diocesan policy, there will be NO classroom presentation of this material for those enrolled in these grades.** Parents are encouraged to review and present the subject material to their children. The material can be accessed online at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/youth-training-programs/formation-in-christian-chastity/>. Upon accessing the website, simply “click” on the grade level you need and you will be able to download the material to be presented.

**Grades 1, 5, 6 and 7: Deacon Benisek will present the material assigned by the Diocese on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by an alternative media source, ie. Zoom in lieu of in class instruction, time of which is to be determined.** Parents are encouraged to review this material, which can be accessed online at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/youth-training-programs/formation-in-christian-chastity/>

**Grade 8: Lessons will be taught on Sunday, October 18, prior to Confirmation.**

Upon accessing the website, simply “click” on the grade level you need and you will be able to download and review the material that is scheduled to be presented. Generally, the material is presented in a 20-30-minute timeframe. A hard copy of the lesson plan is available in the RE office for those families who do not have internet access to review.

**The FCC Lesson will be taught on Sunday, November 15, 2020, time to be determined.**

**A make-up class (required by the diocese) for students who missed the original presentation will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020, with time to be determined.**

If your child is enrolled in Grades 1, 5, 6, or 7 and you do not wish this material to be presented to your child, please notify this office as soon as possible. There is an opt-out form in the office or on our parish website which must be completed prior to class on November 15th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [www.reoffice@swoycc.org](mailto:www.reoffice@swoycc.org) or at 659-5705.

May God Bless each of you!