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TO: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Students in Grades 1 through 12

RE: Learning about L.I.F.E. – Love, Infatuation, Friendship, Exploitation
A Family-Based Program on Relationships and Abuse Prevention

The St. Augustine/St. Joseph Religious Education Program will be implementing a new program to address Christian Sexuality. Learning about L.I.F.E is a family-based program that helps open doors of communication between parents and children at appropriate developmental levels. It emphasizes positive loving relationships and helps children recognize and avoid relationships that are unhealthy and destructive. The authors of this program are Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND, and Kathie Amidei of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. You can find information at www.learningaboutlife.org if you would like to learn more about this program before attending with your child. Because the parental involvement is critical in the success of the program it is a required meeting which parent(s)/guardian(s) must attend with their child.

The program will be implemented as follows:

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| Grades 9 – 12 | Sunday, October 17, 2010 - 7 pm. One of the co-authors of the program, Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND will be facilitating this meeting. Parents and students will assemble in the Minster Middle School Gymnasium. This class will replace the regularly scheduled morning class. |
| Grades 7 – 8 | Sunday, November 14, 2010 – 7 pm. Parents and students will assemble in the K of C Hall, 40 N Main St., Minster. |
| Grades 5 – 6 | Sunday, January 23, 2011 – 7 pm. Parents and students will assemble in the K of C Hall, 40 N Main St., Minster. |
| Grades 3 – 4 | Sunday, February 20, 2011 – 7 pm. Parents and students will assemble in the K of C Hall, 40 N Main St., Minster. |
| Grades 1 – 2 | Sunday, March 20, 2011 – 7 pm. Parents and students will assemble in the K of C Hall, 40 N Main St., Minster. |

Recognizing that parents may attend several meetings, we ask you to keep in mind the material is age appropriate and it is necessary that you and your child/children attend the meeting assigned for their age group. More information will be sent before your scheduled meeting. We pray this change will benefit the families of our program in learning to keep the lines of communication open.