Caritas COLLEGE

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Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) - Human Sexuality Curriculum – Years 3 and 4

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Made In The Image Of God (MITIOG), Human Sexuality curriculum is mandated for South Australian Catholic Schools, for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality through this (MITIOG) curriculum.

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour and that our sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person.

We acknowledge that the beliefs, values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich our lives.

This year the Human Sexuality Curriculum will be taught during Term 4.

The content to be covered in the MITIOG, Human Sexuality Curriculum for **Years 3 and 4:**

- An appreciation of the miracle of new life and growth and God's call to make life-giving choices.
- An understanding of personal identity and the different stages of personal growth and development.
- An understanding of the physical developmental changes that occur from conception to old age.
- An understanding of how a foetus grows and develop.
- An ability to identify and name parts of the body related to the reproductive system and show a basic understanding of their function. (Year 4 only)
- An appreciation of the Catholic understanding of the purpose of sexual intercourse. (Year 4 only)

We acknowledge that families are the first educators of their child's sexuality and that it is the role of the school to support families in this area. We are committed to supporting and enriching these partnerships.

Whilst this curriculum has been mandated to be taught in Catholic Schools in South Australia, should you wish for your child to be excluded from classes and be given other work, please indicate this in writing via email to the class teacher.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mary Manning.

Yours sincerely

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