Caritas COLLEGE

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Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) - Human Sexuality Curriculum – Year 9

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 **Year 9**:

- An awareness of the Catholic perspective on human sexuality and relationships.
- An awareness of the legal perspectives on adolescent sexuality and moral responsibility in respectful relationships
- The ability to critique societal portrayals of gender and the impacts on gender roles within intimate relationships.
- An understanding of how to live with sexual integrity and that sexual behaviours can have physical, psychological, emotional and social implications.

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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