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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Archdiocese of Boston is presenting a newly revised religion curriculum called *Created for Love: God's Plan For Life, Love, Relationships and Marriage*. At the request of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, *Created for Love* was developed by the Respect Life Education Office in collaboration with the Offices of Lifelong Faith Formation & Parish Support, Catholic Schools, and Child Advocacy and is directed to be taught to the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education programs throughout the Archdiocese.

Created for Love consists of a student book and DVD that will be integrated into their existing religion classes and taught by their middle school religion teacher/catechist over a course of three years, in Grades 6-8. *Created for Love* was designed to honor the fact that the parents are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and morals. Studies show that parents are also the primary influence on their children so we encourage you to engage your middle school student in these most important discussions. You will have access to parent resources, all of the *Created for Love* video clips, and the text on our website. We hope these resources will assist you in discussions with your child.

The curriculum begins with a basic foundation in moral theology that reminds your child that they were created in the image and likeness of God and because of that fact their life takes on new meaning! Because we were created in God's image and likeness, He has a very special plan for our lives, for love, for relationships and for marriage. His plan is one that is meant to bring us great joy in this life and more importantly to lead our souls to Heaven. Some of the topics include: character building, vocations, marriage and family life, chastity and caring for body and soul. In the *Created for Love* DVD, your son/daughter will benefit from local Catholics, young and old, who beautifully share their witness stories of how they are living according to God's plan for life, love, relationships and marriage.

We appreciate your time and dedication to this important stage of development and we look forward to partnering with you to share the beauty of God's plan for your child's life!

Sincerely,

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