

# Created for Love FAQs

## **Q: What is *Created for Love*?**

*Created for Love* is a foundational moral theology curriculum highlighting God's plan for life, love, relationships, & marriage. It is designed to be integrated into the existing religion curricula already being taught to students in Grades 6-8 in parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. As with any religion curricula, *Created for Love* is meant to honor and respect the role of the parent as primary educator of their child in matters of faith and morals.

## **Q: How is the revised *Created for Love* different from the current curriculum?**

The newly revised curriculum has afforded us the opportunity to work collaboratively with the *Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and Parish Support*, the *Office of Child Advocacy*, and the *Catholic Schools Office*. The new revisions have brought unity to our school and parish programs who will now be using the same *Created for Love* text and video and have also eliminated the need for curriculum specialists to come to schools and parishes to teach the material separately. Feedback from teachers, parents, and students has led to an understanding that the most effective way to communicate the message of God's plan for life, love, relationships and marriage is to use a more comprehensive and integrated model that moves from an issue based curriculum to one that highlights the joy of living according to God's plan and also one that emphasizes the universal call to holiness. New components include sections on vocations and adoption.

*The revised model also allowed us to integrate the Child Safety curriculum into the revised Created for Love curriculum essentially eliminating the need to teach the Child Safety curriculum in Grades 6, 7 & 8.*

## **Q: Who should teach *Created for Love*?**

A: The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion teacher/parish catechist should teach the curriculum by integrating it in the existing religion curriculum over a period of 3 years.

**Q: We've always hired an outside person/curriculum specialist to come in and teach this material. Can I still hire an outside curriculum specialist to teach *Created for Love*?**

A: *Created for Love* is designed to be integrated into the existing religion curriculum and taught by the religion teacher on a regular basis over a period of 3 years so curriculum specialists will no longer be needed to teach this material.

**Q: When should I begin implementing the revised *Created for Love* curriculum?**

A: Implementation and integration of *Created for Love* can begin as early as January 2015 after the religion teachers & catechists have been trained. Introducing the language and short video clips may be an effective way to slowly integrate the material soon after training. Full implementation is expected in the 2015-2016 school year.

**Q: Can we teach *Created for Love* in a seminar or retreat format?**

A: *Created for Love* is not designed to be taught on a one-time basis but is meant to be grow with the maturity of the middle school student. However a retreat format revisiting some of the concepts already discussed in the religion classroom may be a great review/reinforcement of the material, perhaps at the end of the year.

**Q: Do I still need to teach the Child Safety Curriculum if I teach *Created for Love* in Grades 6, 7, & 8?**

A: *Created for Love* has incorporated all the pertinent concepts from the Child Safety curriculum so that you will only need to teach *Created for Love* in Grades 6, 7, & 8 in order to satisfy the Child Safety requirements set forth by the Archdiocese of Boston.

**Q: How long has *Created for Love* been mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston?**

A: *Created for Love* has been a mandated curriculum for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic School and Parish Religious Education students set forth by the Cardinal Archbishop of Boston, Sean P. O'Malley, since 2007. The newly revised and expanded *Created for Love* curriculum is now mandated for all Catholic School and Parish Religious Education students in Grades 6-8.

**Q: Does the health teacher, school nurse, and/or guidance counselor need to be present to help teach *Created for Love*?**

A: *Created for Love* is a foundational moral theology curriculum designed to be taught by the religion teacher or catechist so it is not necessary to have additional staff present. Although the curriculum is designed to be foundational and less issue based, difficult topics may arise that may require the assistance of other staff members. Please use your discretion when entering into deeper discussions as they should always honor & respect the maturity of the audience.

**Q: Can we use another chastity curriculum or host chastity speakers instead of using *Created for Love*?**

A: *Created for Love* is mandated for all students in Grades 6-8. It provides a wonderful foundation for the teacher to use as a springboard for deeper discussion and/or to introduce other chastity curricula and/or host chastity speakers (ie: Jason Evert). Other curricula and/or speakers may not replace *Created for Love* but are encouraged as additional components to help our young people grow in understanding God's plan for life, love, relationships & marriage.

**Q: Is there a parent component associated with *Created for Love*?**

A: Parents will have access to all videos and basic curriculum concepts via the Respect Life Education website ([www.respectlifeeducation.com](http://www.respectlifeeducation.com)). In addition, we will have a strong online presence offering parents up to date resources to assist them in addressing issues associated with teaching God's plan for life, love, relationships & marriage. The parent(s) are honored and respected as the primary educators of their children, especially with regard to matters of faith and morals.

**Q: Who should attend the regional curriculum trainings?**

A: Grade 6-8 middle school religion teachers/catechists should attend the *Created for Love* regional curriculum trainings to learn best practices for integration and implementation. Principals and DRE's are most welcome and encouraged to attend and oversee the integration process and offer their expertise and support.

**Q: What is the format of the regional curriculum trainings?**

A: The regional trainings are designed in a workshop format to offer best practices for integration into your existing religion curricula. Time will be provided to work/brainstorm with other teachers/catechists using the same/similar texts to come up with a plan of how to best integrate *Created for Love* into your religion curricula. *\*Teachers/catechists should bring their religion text to the trainings.*

**Q: When will we receive the Created for Love books & DVDs?**

A. Books & DVD's will be distributed at the Regional Curriculum Trainings. There is an online registration process & survey in which we ask each School & Parish Leader to indicate how many students and teachers are in Grades 6-8. These answers will give us up to date/accurate information so that we will bring the correct amount of materials for each school & parish that attends the trainings.

**Q: What if I am having difficulty integrating *Created for Love* into my existing religion curriculum?**

A: The Respect Life Education Office will offer ongoing trainings and a consistent level of support to the parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Please just call/email if you have any questions, concerns or feedback!

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