

All 5th Grade Religious Education Students & Parents are Invited to:

God's Plan for Human Sexuality

Parent Session

Thursday, October 1
7:00 – 8:30 PM
38 Church Hill Road

Student Session

Monday, October 5
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
Boys – 38 Church Hill Road
Girls – Msgr. Conroy Room located in
St. Rose School

Children must bring a signed permission slip to participate in this class.

The way that your children first hear the message about sexuality will be the foundation for their attitude towards this topic for their entire lives. Unfortunately, human sexuality is not part of the religious education curriculum until 8th grade. By that time, many children have already developed an attitude towards sexuality that is contrary to God's plan. Since the Newtown public schools are teaching human sexuality in 5th grade, we believe it would be beneficial to complement their program with a session for our 5th grade students in religious education on God's plan for human sexuality. We are also offering a parent session to go over the topics that will be covered plus a discussion on how to talk to your children about human sexuality.

Mark Renzi graduated from Clark University with a BA in Biology and went on to receive a DMD from University of CT School of Dental Medicine. He currently practices at Dental Associates in Newtown. Mark lives in Newtown with his wife and two daughters. They have been active parishioners at St. Rose since 1999 when they moved to Newtown.

The children will be separated into two groups, boys meeting with Mark Renzi and girls meeting with Terri Berthier. The session will begin by explaining that God created our bodies for good, and that He has a wonderful plan for us. There will be open discussion about the anatomy and physiology of the human body and its relationship to God's plan. During an anonymous question and answer period, the children

can share their concerns.

Attention parents of Monday students: Students who attend the Monday session of religious education also need a permission slip to attend the human sexuality class. Those not wishing to participate will attend a regular religious education class that day.

*Please RSVP if your child will attend
and/or if you will attend the parent session so we can arrange for seating.*

Contact Michele Buzzi at:
mbuzzijr@att.net or call 426-2374

Terri Berthier is a certified nurse midwife who received her nursing degree from Boston College and her postgraduate degree from Georgetown University. She is a St. Rose catechist and has been certified by the Diocese of Bridgeport in the St. Cyril of Jerusalem program for catechists. Terri lives in Newtown with her husband and son and has been a St. Rose parishioner for 9 years.

Permission Slip – must be presented at door to attend session for God's Plan for Human Sexuality

Child Name: _____

Day child attends religious education: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Sunday

Parents Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____