

August 14, 2016

Dear Parents,

Our parish is holding the *Learning about L.I.F.E. - Love, Infatuation, Friendship, and Exploitation*. The *Learning about L.I.F.E.* program was designed by Sister Kieran Sawyer and Dr. Kathie Amidei, both nationally recognized leaders in the field of youth catechesis and family faith formation. The program responds to a mandate from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: the 2002 Safe Environment mandate that requires that all children be helped to recognize and protect themselves from abusive relationships.

Each session is scheduled for the children of a specific age group and will last approximately 30 minutes. Parents are required to attend the session with their child. During the sessions I will be discussing relationships that are positive and loving as well as those that may be negative and abusive. The sessions will focus on helping the children determine what would be a safe relationship and who they should turn to if they are uncomfortable.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - September 25, 2016

2nd Grade - October 23, 2016

3rd Grade - November 20, 2016

4th Grade - January 22, 2017

5th Grade - February 19, 2017

6th Grade - March 19, 2017

7th, 8th (Confirmation) and Youth Group - April 23, 2017

If you **do not** want your child to attend a session, please check the box and sign the form below and return to me. If they **are** attending the session please sign and return the form to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Darlene Wegner
Director of Religious Education
Blessed Sacrament Church

I do not want my child to attend the L.I.F.E. session.

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____