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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In 1965 the bishops of the Second Vatican Council approved *Gravissimum Educationis* (Declaration on Christian Education). This document calls for Catholics to be formed to live a mature and holy life. To fulfill this document, the Diocese of Albany has adopted RCL Publishing's *Family Life* program. They have chosen resources designed to provide children with wholesome formation in Catholic moral virtues and a positive education in human behavior.

Through this program students will be provided, in an age-appropriate format, knowledge and skills they need to:

- Make good moral decisions.
- Appreciate the wonders and goodness of God's creation.
- Develop a Catholic understanding of human behavior and a reverence for the human body.
- Recognize, respond, and report any inappropriate behavior; thereby promoting student safety.
- Live a healthy, happy and holy family life.

The student and teacher materials in the *Family Life* program have been reviewed by the USCCB and have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and so are deemed to be in accord with Catholic moral principles. The program is organized around five themes in Catholic family living: God's gift of Family, God's gift of Self, God's gift of Life, God's gift of Love and God's gift of Community.

The Family Life Program will be instructed over the course of two weeks in your child's health and religion classes. More information regarding the Family *Life* program can be found at [www.rclbfamilylife.com](http://www.rclbfamilylife.com). The log-in information for the family site is:

Username: flfamily Password: flrclbf01

In the event you would like to opt your child out of the *Family Life* program, please do so in writing, addressed to Ms. Johnson, by January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings,  
Ms. Johnson

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