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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Sunday, September 24 at 8:30 AM**, while your children are attending their first Religious Ed. Class of the year, we will hold an **important Parent Meeting in Keane Hall** to review the Religious Education Department's policies, procedures and calendar for the year. In addition, we will also discuss the curriculums for the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Catholic Vision of Love. In order to make the best use of your time, we will integrate the CVOL Parent Meeting with our yearly Religious Education Parent Meeting.

The Catholic Vision of Love (CVOL) is the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment for children in Religious Education and Catholic Schools. CVOL teaches us to encourage all to live according to Christ's teachings on love, marriage, the family, sexuality and self-control. Education in the Catholic Vision of Love and human sexuality is education that is an integral part of Catholic faith and love. This is one of the foundational statements of the Diocese of Pittsburgh found in the guidelines and curriculum for teaching the content on the CATHOLIC vision of love, family, and human sexuality. The concepts of CVOL are taught in isolation, but are correlated with topics from the grade level textbook. This is NOT a program in sex education—biological or anatomical issues are not discussed. CVOL IS a program that puts forth the Church's teaching on chastity. Feel free to view the foundations and curriculums at the Diocese of Pittsburgh's website: www.diopitt.org search for CVOL.

For our Religious Ed. students, the CVOL curriculum will be integrated into their Sunday classes. Throughout the year, the catechists will review age-appropriate lessons with the children to reinforce the Church's philosophies. These lessons will review, at the appropriate level, lessons on the Church's teachings on chastity, personal safety, internet safety and valuing the dignity of one's self and others. Each of our catechists has been certified to teach the Catholic Vision of Love and we will follow the Diocese of Pittsburgh's curriculum for each grade level.

Please plan to attend this important Parent Meeting. Both parents are encouraged to attend, but one parent must attend. Should you have any questions about the meeting, feel free to contact me at 412-351-6710 or at stmauriceparish-ccd@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

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