

Dear Parents of Life Teen High Schoolers,

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With great pleasure, we would like to introduce you to a unique opportunity which has been made available for your high schoolers. In cooperation with our diocese, The Culture Project International has been invited into our High School Ministry, Life Teen Life Nights in the spring semester. The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. In this missionary community, young adults from around the country commit to proclaiming the dignity of the human person, and the richness of living sexual integrity.

The speakers are trained by faithful experts in the fields of medicine, psychology, philosophy, and theology. Thus, they are equipped to discuss these important topics with knowledge and understanding, while maintaining the utmost respect for the sensitivity of our teens. The Life Teen Core has invited The Culture Project to share their Human Dignity and Sexual Integrity presentations. (These presentations are outlined on the following page.)

We will be hosting a Parent Night on Sunday December 11th 6:30-7:30 PM at Holy Angels in the Main portion of the Church to ask Culture Project questions about these upcoming nights. Parents are welcome to attend this talk to be best equipped to have conversations and be prepared for the battles that our teens are facing.

The Culture Project considers their presentations to be “tools in the toolbelt” for you, the parents who so deeply and heroically love your teens. They are honored to share with you in this mission, and they look forward to working together to inspire young people and encourage them to live the lives of greatness and fulfillment for which they are made. For further information about the Culture Project, please visit their website www.restoreculture.com. Please feel free to contact me as well.

In the Peace of Christ,

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Culture Project International: Session Outlines

Parent Session: December 11th, 2016 (Parents Only 6:30-7:30PM)

Parents are welcome to attend this night to meet some of the missionaries who will be leading the high school sessions. Parents are welcome to ask them questions about the upcoming sessions and topics. The missionaries will help equip parents to have conversations and be prepared for the battles that our teens are facing. Parents are welcome to eat with their teens at the Life Teen Dinner (6:00-6:30pm). No R.S.V.P. necessary. (Life Nights run from 6:00-8:00PM).

Human Dignity: Life Teen Night January 22nd, 2017 (High Schoolers Only 6:00-8:00PM)

Speakers use stories, analogies, natural law, and scientific evidence to increase students' understanding of human dignity - the innate value which sets human beings apart from the rest of creation. Students will learn facts about the importance and uniqueness of every person, and will hear stories of men and women who heroically stood against abuses of this dignity. Speakers address these violations from our past, including slavery and the Holocaust, and from our present, including abortion, human trafficking, and pornography. These tragedies against the human person are discussed with great delicacy and an emphasis on mercy, healing, hope, and forgiveness. Students are empowered and encouraged to join missionaries in making a positive difference in the world, beginning with choices to love and respect their own families, friends, and acquaintances. There are no graphic images or descriptions in this presentation.

Sexual Integrity: Life Teen Night February 12th, 2017 (High Schoolers Only 6:00-8:00PM)

Speakers inspire students to pursue true happiness and fulfillment in the virtue of chastity, offering their own lives as examples of young people living this virtue in an unsupportive culture. Missionaries dissolve the old-world confusion about the virtue of chastity as a "restraining" list of rules, and illuminate the freedom found in self-mastery. Speakers use stories, analogies, and scientific facts to expose the emptiness of certain ideas and choices which students are offered today, including negative body image, promiscuity, sexting, immodesty, and pornography. With great reverence, we discuss the deeper meaning of sex, the purpose of sexual desire, and our sexual identity as male and female. Speakers share practical tips on how students can live out this virtue in their daily lives. This presentation contains a brief and delicate section on the danger of Sexually Transmitted Infections, and offers the virtue of chastity as a preferable and more effective alternative to contraceptives. There are no graphic images or descriptions in this presentation.

Question and Answer: Life Teen Night March 26th, 2017 (High Schoolers Only)

An opportunity to reflect, ask questions, and follow up with any of the previous conversations with the Culture Project Missionaries. This is a great chance for our teens to process some information or situations that have come up over the last two months.