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An electronic version of this document is at [http://catholichawaii.org/resource-center/Human Sexuality Resources](http://catholichawaii.org/resource-center/Human%20Sexuality%20Resources).



Sex Education in the Hawaii State Department of Education (Public Schools)

On June 16, 2015, the Hawaii Board of Education voted to make sexual education mandatory in all public schools. Since Catholic parents are entrusted, from the moment of their child's baptism, with the role of being the primary educators in matters of faith, including the Church's teachings on chastity and human sexuality, it is best to examine these issues in the light of Catholic teachings.

Therefore, the Diocese of Honolulu **strongly urges** parents to:

- Pray with your spouse, pastor, or close friend. Call upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom, understanding, and strength.
 - Examine the human sexuality curriculum at your child's school to gain a good understanding of what your child will learn.
 - Discuss your values with your child in a loving, nurturing and age-appropriate way.
 - Calmly and in a positive manner, discuss and correct attitudes being taught in the school's human sexuality curriculum that do not align with the values of your family and the Church. If necessary, exercise your right to opt out your child from the human sexuality curriculum.
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- Click [here](#) for more information about the Hawaii State Department of Education's (HSDOE) approved sexual education curriculum,
 - Click [here](#) for information about the rights of parents to inspect instructional materials and rights to opt-out of HSDOE programs.
 - Click [here](#) for PEACE Hawaii to engage in a peaceful opt-out process.

RESOURCES



A regularly updated list is available at <http://catholicahawaii.org/resource-center/>

Catholic Doctrine

Catechism of the Catholic Church. (Second Edition, 1994)

Man and Woman, He Created Them: A Theology of the Body, by Pope John Paul II

The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality: Guidelines for Education within the Family. The Pontifical Council for the Family (1995)

A Theology of the Body. United States Conference for Catholic Bishops, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/catholic-teaching/theology-of-the-body.cfm>

Contact Maile Domingo (808) 222-0644 to discuss ToB resources and/or schedule ToB retreats.

Additional resources listed on website.

Parent-Child Resources

Parent Guide to Human Sexuality, Ages 5 – 10; 9 – 14; 13 – 19, Archdiocese of New York, 2012
<http://nyfamilylife.org/chastity/>

Theology of the Body-inspired series by Monica Ashour (available at www.amazon.com):

Everybody Has a Body; Every Body is Smart; Every Body is a Gift

By Jennie Bishop (available at www.amazon.com):

The Princess and the Kiss; The Squire and the Scroll

The Story of Me (ages 3 – 5). Stan and Brenna Jones (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2007)

Before I Was Born (ages 5 – 8), Carly Nystrom (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2007)

Parish/School-based programs

Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living: Guidelines for Curriculum Design and Publication, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2008)

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Guidelines for Teaching Religion, Diocese of Honolulu, 2017 www.catholichawaii.org/ore

Love Ed: Raising Kids to be Strong, Smart, and Pure, A Human Sexuality Program for Parents and their Children by Coleen Kelly-Mast, 2017

Purely You: Growing God's Way. Suzanne Lewis and Gretchen Thibault (Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, 2011)

Family Life Series, RCL Benziger

Parent Action

The **Hawaii Catholic Herald** <http://www.hawaiicatholicherald.com/> for published articles and notices on local/national/global events related to the Church's teachings on human sexuality.

The **Hawaii Family Forum**, information on Catholic engagement in public policy, legislative action and advocacy. Contact Eva Andrade eandrade@rcchawaii.org

Respect Life, contact Paulette Vernay pvernay@rcchawaii.org

Public Education Advocates for Christian Equity (PEACE) Hawaii [in collaboration with Christian congregations of Hawaii]. Contact Pastor Rojo Herrera info@peacehawaii.org