



To open the doors of communication between parent and child. To deepen our understanding of what loving relationships are in the eyes of our Creator. To be heard and to heal.

“For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another.”

– 1 John 3:11



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A new ministry of
TYME OUT Youth Center.

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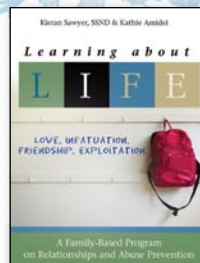
The Spirit dwells in you.

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Learning about L.I.F.E. is a valuable program for both children and adults that helps us understand how to live and love by Christ's teachings. Focused on the four kinds of basic human relationship – *Love, Infatuation, Friendship, and Exploitation* – L.I.F.E. promotes positive, loving relationships, and encourages healing and prevention when dealing with Exploitation. At its heart rests the message that our bodies are precious gifts from God, to be loved and protected.



ABOUT THE BOOK AND AUTHORS:

Written by two women with strong involvement in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, *Learning about L.I.F.E.* – Love, Infatuation, Friendship, Exploitation – calls forth a new family-based ministry geared toward building healthy relationships and preventing abuse of all kinds. The L.I.F.E. program is based on three foundational principles: the body is a sacred gift from God to be loved and protected; family is the best environment for all teaching on sexuality; and any instruction on sexual abuse should be provided in the context of loving relationships. The book (published by Ave Maria Press) contains six age-appropriate, interactive sessions that enable open dialogue between parents and children on these sensitive topics.

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L.I.F.E. PROGRAM OFFERS:

- **TRAINED FACILITATORS** will personally visit your school, parish, or facility
- **AGE-APPROPRIATE MATERIAL** encourages interaction and communication
- **STRONG REFERRAL SYSTEM** links participants to 24-hour crisis lines and support centers in local communities
- **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS** are available to help launch this program in your faith community
- **FAMILY-BASED PROGRAM** requires that a parent or guardian accompany each child so learning and loving can be a shared experience
- **BRIEF AND INFORMATIVE SESSIONS**
One session (one to two hours) at each of these levels:
 - Pre-k – Kindergarten
 - Grades 1 – 2
 - Grades 3 – 4
 - Grades 5 – 6
 - Grades 7 – 8
 - Grades 9 – 10

THE MANDATED CHARTER

In 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The document states, "Dioceses will establish 'safe environment' programs ... providing education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children." (Article 12) *Learning about L.I.F.E.* was born to fulfill the charter's call for a special ministry.

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