What is MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD?

This is the Human Sexuality Program that has replaced Family Life Education for Catholic Schools in South Australia. Made in the Image of God is grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. It has been developed over some years through consultation with parents, priests and educators.

Why have a human sexuality program?

The program enables teachers to help parents, who are the first educators of their children, to assist children in developing an integrated understanding of the human person and human sexuality.

What happened to the Family Life Education Program?

The best parts of the Family Life Education Program have been incorporated into the new program. Some parts have been updated or omitted. The whole program has been rewritten in line with South Australian Curriculum Standards and Accountability (SACSA).

How is the Program organised?

The program is divided into four areas, called Strands:

BEING HUMAN:

This strand explores the belief that humans are created in the image of God and are called to show reverence for self, others and world.

BEING SEXUAL:

This strand examines the dignity of human life. It develops the notion that sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person. Human sexuality is part of who we are and part of the physical, moral, psychological and spiritual realities of life.

BEING CONNECTED:

This strand reflects how humans are connected with God and others and shows that God’s love is revealed through our relationships with others.

BEING MORAL:

Students develop an understanding of what it is to be moral which encourages responsible decision making. Christian decision making involves informing the conscience, praying and using the example of Jesus to inform our choices.
The belief that human beings are made in the image of God is a foundation principle of the Catholic Church. It underpins the church’s teachings about the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of sexuality.

When will the program be taught?
The implementation of the Made in the Image of God Program started in 2009. It has replaced what was Family Life Education. The different areas of the program will be taught throughout the year. Many teachers will integrate the program into their existing curriculum.

The Being Sexual strand will be taught in Term 4.

For whom is the program intended:
The program presents a developmental framework arranged in the following year level groups:

- Reception-Year 2
- Year 3 - 4
- Year 5 - 6
- Year 7- 8
- Year 9 - 10
- Year 11-12

For more information contact the APRIM or REC at your child’s Campus

Child Protection Curriculum
This Child Protection Curriculum has been developed by educators under the guidance of the Department of Education and Children Services. Catholic Education South Australia and the Association of Independent Schools South Australia collaborated with DECS in the reviewing of the draft curriculum.

This developmental curriculum consists of two themes:
- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust

These two themes are woven through the teaching of the four focus areas in each band:
- The Right to be Safe
- Relationships
- Recognising and Reporting Abuse
- Protective Strategies

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness....”

So God created human kind in his image, in the image of God he created them;
Male and female he created them.

Genesis1:26a, 27