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Dear Parents,

We are blessed at St. Ambrose to be able to present a Family Life program designed to help young boys and girls understand the world around them as they grow in love of God, Family, Friends, and self.

This program has a spiral (continually growing) type curriculum that builds each year on four basic topics:

- o Our relationship with God
- o Our relationship with Family
- o Our relationships with Others (friends, community, the world)
- o Our own feelings about who we are

There is one more topic that is discussed in the Eighth Grade. We talk about consequences when we do not follow God's teachings and what the challenges are for the future. Most young people like this curriculum. This class gives me an opportunity to discuss these topics with the students, along with Mrs. Moreno.

I am a certified catechist and have taught this class for many years. In fact, when this course was first designed I was part of the planning and training committee. In addition to being a catechist I am also a currently registered nurse in the State of Maryland.

I have nine children of my own, and I am the grandmother of twenty-four grandchildren. I may not have all the answers but I feel my life's experiences give me the qualifications to address the needs of these students. I listen to them and ask them to open their minds to the teachings of the Catholic Church as they read and learn about some very important topics in today's world.

Thank you for these beautiful young people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Pat Fitzmaurice, RN