

IMPORTANT – ACTION REQUIRED!!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOMESTUDY WEEK: **FEBRUARY 17 – 21, 2019**

****All 8TH GRADE/2ND YEAR Confirmation Candidates (8th grades) will complete Lesson 22 (Why Wait?) as a home-study session** for the session week of February 17-21 via the CHOSEN materials at Ascension Press **with your parents**. As discussed at the Parent Meeting in December, it is prudent that parents cover the topic of this session with their children.

Overview: The purpose of this lesson is to present chastity as the path to authentic love and to introduce the “Theology of the Body” principles to this age group. We want to show how the personal expressions of authentic love mirror (truly, yet imperfectly) the love of the Blessed Trinity – that we are, indeed, “made in the image and likeness of God.” For teens, the virtue of chastity is best interpreted not as a prohibition (avoid sex), but as an invitation (seek and reflect real love to others out of love for God). At the same time, we must offer practical applications in order to help them distinguish between authentic love and cultural counterfeits.

Supplies needed: CHOSEN workbook, access to internet, computer/smart device, and pen/pencil.

1 – Log on to ascensionpress.com/redeem

2 – Participant access code: APAFGH; you will make an account. (*Note: Lesson 17 was also assigned in the fall, so you may already have an account. If so, use your own, previously made/used password/log-in. Do not redeem an invite twice.*)

3 - Lesson 22: “Why Wait?” (God’s Plan for Love and Sex)

4 – *CHOSEN* Workbook, pages **205-214**, complete all reading, videos, Challenge of the Week, fill in blanks and discuss/write brief reflection** on page 211 or additional sheet of paper, after each Segment video:

Segment 1: Love vs. Lust

1 – How is chastity a “positive” virtue (something to do, rather than to avoid)?

**2 – What is the difference between love and lust?

Segment 2: Tough Questions about Chastity

**1 – What are some ways that sexual impurity destroys relationships and hurts people?

2 – Do you think living a chaste life is possible? If there are so many benefits to living a chaste life, why do you think we seldom, if ever, hear this message?

Segment 3: Tips for Practicing Chastity

1 – What practical things can you do to live out the love God is calling you to in purity?

**2 – In the Beatitudes, Jesus said that purity of heart was necessary to see God. What does this mean to you?

Please discuss both questions per segment and write a brief reflection for the question marked with “.”

5 – Conversation Starters *for Parents*: (These are additional queries from the CHOSEN parent book, *suggested* for furthering topic exploration)

- How is choosing to wait until marriage to have sex the best possible way to say, “I love you?”

- Why do you think some teens feel like they have to say “yes” to sexual activity? What are they looking for?

- If true love is “free, total, faithful, and fruitful,” how can one practice these things even as a single person?

- What do you think are the most important qualities to look for in a potential spouse?

6 – Bring book to your next session (March 20 or 21) where catechist will check completeness for credit.