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Dear Parents,

As you know, *Catholic Vision of Love* (CVOL) is an important part of our efforts to instruct our young people about Catholic teaching on chastity, human sexuality and family life. CVOL is designed to assist you in fulfilling your responsibility as the primary educator regarding this sensitive topic.

We have received many phone calls from parents asking us about the *Silver Ring Thing* a well-known chastity education program, and its availability to our Catholic young people. We have partnered with personnel from *Silver Ring Thing* to produce a **Catholic Edition** of SRT that we are very excited to bring to your attention.

Silver Ring Thing is a multi-media program that includes skits, videos, music and witness talks. It is a high tech, fast-paced and fun-filled presentation that captures the imagination and attention of the audience while reinforcing the message of *Catholic Vision of Love* and the importance of embracing a life of chastity. The **Catholic Edition** of *Silver Ring Thing* includes activities and information relating to the sacraments and Catholic Church teaching regarding chastity. During the event participants may choose to receive a silver ring as a symbol of their commitment to chastity.

The **Catholic Edition** of Silver Ring Thing will take place on **Friday, January 15, 2010 for students in grades 8 – 12 and their parents**. It will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM (registration begins at 5:15 PM). The cost is \$5 for students and adults—\$8 at the door (the ring is an additional \$20). Registration is limited, so we suggest that you register early online at www.silverringthing.com or group register through your parish youth ministry program or 8th grade religion class (school or CCD). Check with your program director/principal/youth minister to see if they are group registering.

Enclosed is a **personal invitation** to give to your child. We encourage you to attend this program with your child. A meeting with parents will take place before the start of the program at 6:30 PM. You may join your child in the auditorium right after the parent session ends. The program will be in progress at that point, so if you wish to sit with your child during the program please make arrangements beforehand with your child.

Thank you for your support. Please know that the diocese will continue to assist you in every way possible to ensure that your child receives a solid Catholic faith formation.

Sincerely,

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