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Dear Gr. 4 to 7 Parents,

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Please mark your calendars to attend our ***Sexuality and Your Child*** parent evening, which will be on **Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm.**

This year we welcome **Sister John Mary Sullivan**, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, as our speaker. Sister John Mary holds a Master's Degree in Theological Studies from the John Paul II Institute at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She earned her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Central Connecticut State University. Sister John Mary is currently working for the Archdiocese of Vancouver as an associate director in Ministries and Outreach, and is the coordinator for Marriage and Family Ministries.

Sister John Mary's engaging presentation will speak to our understanding of the goodness of sexuality and then lead into the dangers that are impacting our children, and their understanding of sexuality today. Social media, as well as other dangers, are discussed as it relates to our understanding of sexuality.

The parent/child relationship is highlighted, with the parents' need to be willing to truly lead their children and keep working on their relationship with each of their children. Parents are encouraged to embrace that they are the answer to the challenges facing their children today, and going forward.

It is normal for parents to have some challenges when talking about such issues with their children, therefore our goal is to allow you, the parents, the opportunity to learn about the topics that directly relate to your children at this time, and in the teen and young adult years to come. In turn, you can then pass along the information to your children with the knowledge and confidence that you are guiding their development into young adulthood with an informed approach.

At least one parent/guardian from each family in Gr. 4 to 7 is expected to attend.

The staff of St. Paul's is excited to support you in this important journey, and look forward to welcoming you on **Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm in the gym.**

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin.