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# Further Reading

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## Catholic Church Teaching Documents

- **Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)** is Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation about love in the family. Chapter 7 is entitled, 'Towards a Better Education of Children'.  
[http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20160319\\_amoris-laetitia\\_en.pdf](http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf)
- **Learning to Love** is a teaching document from the Bishops of England and Wales which provides an 'Introduction to Catholic Relationships and Sex Education for Catholic Educators'.  
<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/images/Learning2love.pdf>
- **Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope)** is the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Chapter I or Part II (paragraphs 48-52) deal with marriage and the family.  
[http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19651207\\_gaudium-et-spes\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html)
- **The Catechism of the Catholic Church** is the Church's 'reference text' of all Catholic teaching on faith and morals. The following sections are particularly relevant: [see details below]  
[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/ccc\\_toc.htm](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm)
- **Familiaris Consortio** is Pope St John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation about the role of the Christian family in the modern world.  
[http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_exh\\_19811122\\_familiaris-consortio.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_19811122_familiaris-consortio.html)
- **The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality** is the Pontifical Council for the Family's guidelines for education addressed primarily towards the family.  
[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/family/documents/rc\\_pc\\_family\\_doc\\_08121995\\_human-sexuality\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/family/documents/rc_pc_family_doc_08121995_human-sexuality_en.html)
- **Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage** is guidance from the Pontifical Council for the Family. Paragraphs 22-31 address remote preparation for marriage to be carried out in schools.

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/family/documents/rc\\_pc\\_family\\_doc\\_13051996\\_preparation-for-marriage\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/family/documents/rc_pc_family_doc_13051996_preparation-for-marriage_en.html)

- **Persona Humana (The Human Person)** is the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith's Declaration on certain questions in sexual ethics.  
[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_19751229\\_persona-humana\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_19751229_persona-humana_en.html)

## Catholic Church Teaching Documents

### 1. Human beings are willed by God, loved by God and possess an inalienable dignity

[On human beings as the image and likeness of God:  
355-361, 1700-1709](#)

[On the dignity of the human body:  
362-368, 990, 999-1000](#)

[On the equal dignity of all human beings:  
369-370, 1934-1938](#)

[On the complementarity of the sexes:  
371-373, 1605, 2331-2336](#)

[On the social nature of human beings  
1879-1885](#)

[On the respect due to every person  
1929-1933, 2259-2269, 2284-2301, 2358](#)

[On abortion  
2270-2275](#)

[On homosexuality  
2357-2359](#)

### 2. The goodness and significance of marriage

[On marriage as part of God's plan for human beings  
1601-1602](#)

[On marriage as part of the natural order  
1603, 2360](#)

[On marriage as a sign of God's love  
1604](#)

[On the indissolubility of marriage  
1612-1615, 2380-2386](#)

[On marriage as a symbol of Christ's love for the Church  
1616-1617](#)

[On the importance of consent](#)

[1625-1632](#)

[On the essential unity, fidelity and fertility of marriage](#)

[1643-1654, 2364-2379](#)

[On marriage as the foundation of the family: the domestic Church](#)

[1655-1657, 2201-2213,](#)

### 3. The virtues

[The Human virtues](#)

[1803-1811](#)

[The Theological virtues](#)

[1812-1829](#)

[On chastity](#)

[2337-2356](#)

### Catholic Education Service Documents

- **A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum** is a guidance document produced by the Catholic Education Service for schools to help them produce their own programme of study. It's highlighted in the DfE guidance as a work of good practice. **Module 5** looks at this in detail.
- **Who is responsible for teaching RSHE?** A short document which outlines the vital role of partnership with parents when teaching RSHE.  
[http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education/item/download/36896\\_b06e1f124852d29f788119dfbe060303](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education/item/download/36896_b06e1f124852d29f788119dfbe060303)
- **Made in God's Image.** St Mary's University Twickenham have created guidance and resources for tackling homophobic bullying aimed at Year 9 and above.  
<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Attachment-Made-in-Gods-Image.pdf>
- You can read a case study describing outstanding RSE in a Catholic Context here  
[https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education/item/download/36897\\_eff1360c1e50e81e2d65237c8e31459d](https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education/item/download/36897_eff1360c1e50e81e2d65237c8e31459d)



# E:Learning Platform

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

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## Department of Education Documents

### Relationships Education

- [This takes you to numerous sources of information](#) produced by the Government on all aspects of the new curriculum.
- The early career framework and standards for teacher professional development are here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-early-career-teachers>