



## ***Diocese of Joliet***

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### **Statement Regarding Attendance at Robert Crown Center**

The schools in the Diocese of Joliet are moving in a new direction when teaching health, science, and family life education. For many years some schools have worked in partnership with the Robert Crown Center. We will no longer use the resources of the Robert Crown Center.

The Robert Crown Center is a secular organization and cannot provide educational programs that are based in our Catholic Faith. Thus, in that setting, our students do not receive a complete appreciation of the beauty of human sexuality as the Church understands it.

As Catholic educators, we have both the responsibility and privilege to provide the best comprehensive health education programs to our students. We must do all we can to ensure that our young people receive information with a strong and clear Catholic perspective.

The Religious Education Office (REO) and Catholic Schools Office (CSO) continue to work diligently to provide the materials and resources needed to teach human sexuality with values rooted in our Catholic faith. By the Fall of 2010, suggested options will be available to schools and Religious Education programs. Until then, if staff members at an individual school have questions, they can call the REO at 815-838-6475 or the CSO at 815-838-2181.