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### Parents Championing Their Children's Freedom of Religion

The children who are fortunate to attend Catholic schools and those who are home schooled usually avoid the sexual indoctrination many parents find in their children's public schools. The Catholic church is clear and consistent in its teaching of physical facts and moral guidance so that Catholic children can learn the truth of creation and of God's plan for man and woman to form the family which is the best place for children to be educated in their faith.

The Catholic Catechism states: 2223: *Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.*

When public school students are exposed to sexual teachings and sexually explicit books that interfere with the faith taught by the parents, the school is usurping the role reserved for parents. Catholic Catechism Sect 2221-asserts: *The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.*

Catholic Catechism Sect 2229 explains: *As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators.*<sup>38</sup> *Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise.*

Parents across the United States are standing for the religious freedom rights of themselves and their children. Parents are objecting to lessons and books covering complex and controversial topics such as LGBTQ and Transgender issues in ways that contradict the parents' religious beliefs. The recent Supreme Court opinion that Maryland parents can opt out their children from such lessons may lead to even greater protection of parental rights.

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