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Thoughts from the pastor,

This past week the O.P.S School Board voted in a new sex education package for their students. It is not new and improved but more like a rush to open the gates of immorality for OPS students. If you have not had a chance to follow this beyond the news reports you might wonder what all the commotion is all about. The conference at Victory Church last Sunday was an opportunity for some of us to find out a little more about the reality of their plan and its implications.

For those of you who could not attend last Sunday, the presentation was by Miriam Grossman, M.D. and was sponsored by Nebraskans for Founders' Values ([www.SaveNebraskaChildren.com](http://www.SaveNebraskaChildren.com)). Check out their website for more information. She was able to give just a small amount of what is in store for many of our children. According to the Planned Parenthood website, Comprehensive Sex Education (SCE) is better than abstinence-based programs because it includes broader topics like "sexual behavior, sexual orientation, and sexual pleasure; stating that "Ideally, sex education in school is an integrated process that builds upon itself year after year, is initiated in kindergarten, and is provided through grade 12." In other words this is all right out of the Planned Parenthood playbook. The OPS School Board has tried to state that this has nothing to do with Planned Parenthood but other states that have adopted this actually have Planned Parenthood people doing the presentations. I go out and pray across from their abortion mill, just north of 93<sup>rd</sup> and Maple, from 11am to noon on the third Monday of each month because I don't agree with any of their ways of going about things. They are not there to help women, they kill as many, if not more, female babies than male babies.

So what do you think this program will entail? If I remember correctly, by 7<sup>th</sup> grade the students will already be taught that they should be making the decisions on whether to have sex or not. By fourth grade they should be imagining what gender they might want to be. I am sorry to say that I have not been able to read their plan but people I trust have, like Dr. Louis Safranek and Mark Bonkiewicz have. I trust them completely. Part of the reality is that the board says that they are allowing students to opt out of these classes if they want. This is not at all satisfying. Because the very idea of looking at sexual behavior simply being about sexual pleasure is really scary.

Our society has gone far down this road already and it has been a disaster. There is a responsibility that comes with this great gift that God has given us. This is like letting a child play with a priceless heirloom. They don't know what its value is and have no idea of what an incredible loss would come from breaking it. So many of our children have already been broken. And if and when they have children they will be raised by parents who do not even know what it means to grow up whole for they are broken.

For anyone who has followed this issue, it has been pretty obvious that the OPS School Board had no intention of changing their direction from this comprehensive sex education. I did want to go to the board meeting last Wednesday and thank them for what I hope will be an increase in people wanting to send their children to Catholic Schools. But I also want to tell them that the number of souls that will be lost because of this decision will be incredible. This is not from God. God gave us something beautiful for the sake of bringing new life, new souls, into existence. I am really having a hard time trying to figure out how we can get our society back to God's way of thinking. The best I can imagine is that as Catholics we hold tight to the teachings of Christ and His Church, for that is what will bring us to eternal life with him.

At the very time the OPS School Board was making these decisions to include abortion education into their CSE, many of our Catholic Students were on buses to participate in the March for Life in our nations capital, knowing that they were going to be facing a snow storm as they showed their support for life.

God bless you,  
Fr. Frank