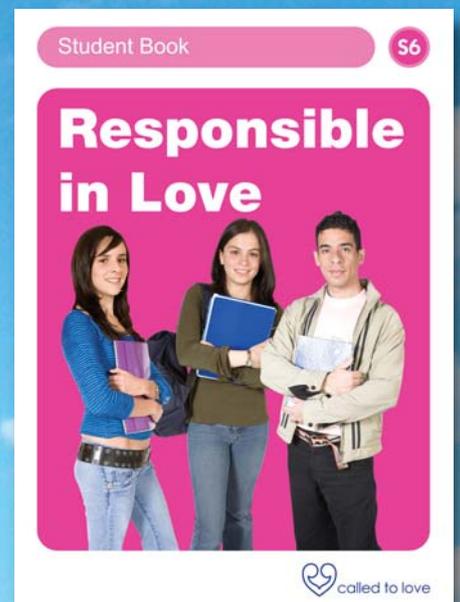
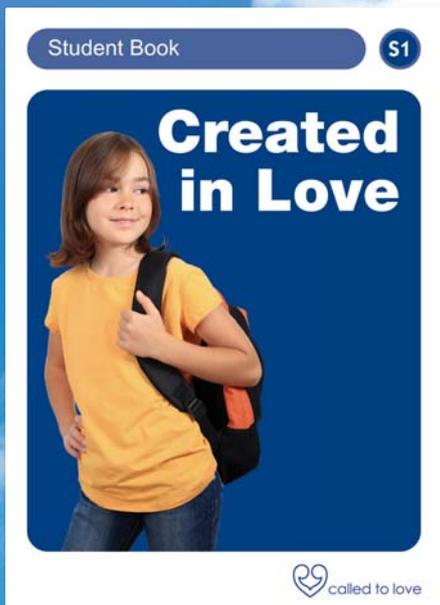




called to love

resources to support relationships and moral education



Called to Love: the vision

God is love and in himself he lives in a mystery of personal loving communion. God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation of love and communion. Love is, therefore, the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.

Called to Love offers a coherent programme of relationships education based on a Christian vision of human life, love and sexuality. It is designed to meet the needs of young people at various stages of secondary school. Based on guidelines developed by the Catholic Education Commission, it is recommended by the Catholic Bishops of Scotland as a key resource for all Catholic secondary schools in Scotland.

Called to Love recognises that sexuality is an enrichment of the whole person - body, emotions and soul - and that it manifests its inmost meaning when it leads to the gift of self in love as an exclusive, genuine and life-long commitment between husband and wife.

Called to Love acknowledges that it can be difficult to teach about the importance of truth, values, conscience and moral reasoning when society promotes the autonomy of the individual and regards sex as a recreational activity. It encourages all young people to consider the true meaning of 'love' in all its dimensions and to aspire towards it in all aspects of their lives.

Called to Love stresses the need for parents to take personal responsibility for their children's moral development and encourages schools to support parents in this. It offers advice and support on issues which can be challenging for teachers and schools: sexual attraction and activity; pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; the positive choice of abstinence; contraception and natural family planning; Life's beginning and natural end.

Called to Love provides an education in love and relationships which is "positive and prudent", recognising that God has created us all with the capacity for growing and living in love while being faithful, committed and responsible.

God who created mankind out of love also calls him to love. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute love with which God loves mankind.

Called to Love: the resources

TEACHING RESOURCES

Introducing *Called to Love* provides guidance on:

- Catholic Christian vision of love and relationships
- education of conscience
- supporting young people
- management issues
- curriculum planning
- supporting staff
- involving parents
- developing policy

TEACHING NOTES

- 6 books, incorporating Student Book text at each stage

TRAINING DISK

provides presentations with audio commentary on:

- Educating for Love and Relationships
- Living the Truth in Love
- Understanding Called to Love
- Managing Called to Love
- Challenging issues

RESOURCES DISK provides:

- Powerpoint files for each session
- Resource Sheets for photocopying



RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM SCES

STUDENT BOOKS

- 1 for each stage (S1- S6)
- average 40 pages
- full colour



PARENT LEAFLETS

- 1 for each stage (S1- S6)
- informative
- supporting parents & carers
- full colour



KEY MESSAGES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*"We are not some casual product of evolution.
Each of us is the result of a thought of God.
Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."*

(Pope Benedict XVI)

1. You are a special human being, created by God in his own image and likeness, gifted with unique talents and potential for life.
2. You are called to love - to know the love of God, of family and of friends - and to love others as you are loved by God.
3. God loves all people as his children. You are called to show respect for all people, even when their views and actions, their values and beliefs, are different from your own.
4. Your sexuality is an important and intimate feature of your person, given to you as part of God's plan for your happiness and your life's vocation. You should cherish it and ensure that it is not exploited.
5. Your sexuality makes it natural for you to be attracted to other people. Such attraction can lead to strong emotional and physical feelings which should always be expressed with modesty and respect, both for your self and for others.
6. The ultimate sexual expression of such attraction should be an expression of true love, in which you commit to being faithful in marriage to a husband or wife, for life. Such total gift of self – body, emotions and soul – is a great responsibility and requires careful preparation and total commitment by both partners.
7. You are called to share with God in the creation of new life through the rearing of children in a loving family which should be a reflection of God's love.
8. You are loved by God who shows compassion when things go wrong, who helps to heal wounded relationships, who forgives when your actions fail to match your ideals.



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