

## **A CHECK LIST OF PRINCIPLES/KEY ISSUES IN A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF SEX EDUCATION IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

- the programme should reflect the guidance given by your local Bishop concerning sex education in schools
- partnership and co-operation with parents, as the first educators of their children
- Governor involvement
- shared responsibility a programme made with consultation between parents, teacher and Governors
- inservice for staff to give encouragement, confidence and support
- adequate resourcing
- to be within the context of the moral and spiritual development programme of the school
- emphasis on the gift of sexuality which enhances our growth as humans
- R.E. to have a central role, but all subjects contribute to the programme
- holistic development approach, an integral part of the Catholic school's curriculum for every age group
- awareness of the influence of the explicit and the hidden curriculum
- awareness of the pressures on society of the media, peer pressure, of possible conflicting values modelled in known adults
- guidance based programme rather than just problem based
- help pupils form their conscience, to know they have choices, to enable them to make right judgements.
- liaison with secondary schools