



## STATEMENT REGARDING THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM (2015)

August 17, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Government of Ontario recently announced their intent to repeal and review the sexual health component of the 2015 Health and Physical Education curriculum. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) issued a statement in July affirming that *Fully Alive*, the Family Life program taught in publicly funded Catholic schools, has provided and continues to provide a family life curriculum fully consistent with our Catholic faith. We have a responsibility to follow the curriculum established by the Ministry of Education, but we do so in a manner that respects and conveys Catholic beliefs to our students.

The Ontario Bishops have also expressed the earnest desire that elected officials will listen intently to citizens as the Review process moves forward. I encourage Catholics to be in touch with their local M.P.P.'s to express their thoughts and opinions during the curriculum review, so that our voices may be heard and may contribute positively to this important project.

Finally, I affirm what is expressed in the ACBO Statement that parents who are the primary educators of their children, should continue to live and model Catholic values and beliefs in their home.

The ACBO Statement may be found on our Diocesan website, [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org).

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Daniel Miehm".

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