

## ***ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN***

**Modifications to the 1st and 2nd editions printed in October and December 1997 respectively.**

Page 5, Paragraph 4 (Beginning with: “The second way to communicate . . .”) is deleted and replaced with:

**The second way to communicate love is to seek appropriate help for your child and for yourself. If your son or daughter is an adolescent, it is possible that he or she may be displaying traits which cause you anxiety such as what the child is choosing to read or view in the media, intense friendships, and other such observable characteristics and tendencies. What is called for on the part of parents is an approach which does not presume that your child has developed a homosexual orientation, and which will help you maintain a loving relationship, while you provide support, information, encouragement, and moral guidance. Parents must always be vigilant about their children’s behavior and exercise responsible interventions when necessary.**

Page 6, Paragraph 2, Sentence 1: The phrase: “a fundamental dimension of one’s

personality” is changed to: **a deep-seated dimension of one’s personality.**

Page 6, Paragraph 3 (beginning with “There seems to be no single cause . . .”) is followed by:

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church also states: “This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most [persons with the homosexual inclination] a trial (#2358).**

Page 8, after paragraph 1 (which ends with: “for everyone open to receiving it.”) the following paragraph is added:

**Furthermore, as homosexual persons “dedicate their lives to understanding the nature of God’s personal call for them, they will be able to celebrate the sacrament of penance more faithfully and receive God’s grace so freely offered there in order to convert their lives more fully to his way” (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, 1986, n. 12)**

Pages 11 & 12, Recommendation #4 (which begins with “use the words homosexual...”) is deleted and replaced with:

**When speaking publicly, use the words “homosexual,” “gay,” and “lesbian” in honest and accurate ways.**