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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Priests, Principals, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Leaders
FROM: Patrick Donovan
DATE: November 29, 2021
RE: Conversation about Gender Identity

As was announced to the principals and faith formation leaders recently, and to the priests today, I want to formally invite you to a conversation about gender identity on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 9:00 to 12:30 at St. Catherine of Siena McClinch Family Center in Trumbull.**

We will have refreshments beginning at 9 am and begin with prayer at 9:30 am. Our presenter for the day will be Roy Petitfils. Roy is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Youngsville, LA. He studied ministry and spirituality at The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and holds a Masters in Mental Health Counseling from University of Louisiana. Roy has worked with youth and young adults for more than 25 years as minister, a teacher, school administrator, school counselor, and now as a counselor in private practice. He specializes in counseling teens and young adults. Roy regularly consults with schools, publishers and organizations helping them more effectively reach and minister to youth and young adults. He is an expert at understanding and influencing teenagers.

Roy has published five books, including his most recent *Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety and Depression and What Teens Want You to Know (But Don't Tell You)*. Roy's blue-collar roots, natural humor, contagious enthusiasm, and diverse personal and professional background have made him an internationally sought-after presenter, consultant, and therapist. Roy lives with his wife Mindi and their two sons Max and Benjamin in Youngsville, Louisiana.

Roy is regularly called upon by national organizations on issues of gender identity, anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

To register, please email institute@diobpt.org and let us know you will be attending. If there are others on your ministry teams you wish to invite, please do so. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, this session will not be recorded or live-streamed.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email Patrick Donovan at pdonovan@diobpt.org.

