



Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Safeguarding All of God's Family

Religious Education Curriculum

Lesson: Seventh and Eighth Grades

Concept: Practices the virtues of chastity, tolerance, understanding, prudence and self-acceptance. Follows Grade Specific Religious Education Curriculum concepts under Moral Life.

Goals of this lesson: To help students understand the conscious and unconscious, acknowledged and unacknowledged, elements involved with choosing a friend and or a boy/girl friend.

Preparation: Photocopy the handout comparison shopping for the students.

Introducing the Activity:

This is an activity to get you to think about the difference between how you decide to buy a car and how you choose a friend or boy/girlfriend. Let's discuss the following questions before we work on the activity sheet.

- 1) What would you look for when you buy a car?
- 2) What does it mean to "comparison shop?"
- 3) What are the benefits of comparison shopping?"

If you were in the market to buy a car, you would need to make a list of your needs.

Fill out the activity work sheet and then we can discuss your observations.

Questions to Raise Afterwards:

- 1) Cars come with operator's manuals and people don't. What can we use to help us choose a friend?
- 2) What can we use to help us choose a partner (boy/girlfriend/husband/wife)?

Prayer: THE STRANGER THAT I WAS – Michel Quoist

Lord, today I ask you, once and for all, to rid me of my concern
over what impression I make on other people.
Forgive me for being so preoccupied with what I seem to be,
with the effect I produce, with what others think and say of me.
Forgive me for wanting to imitate to the extent that I forget who I am,
for envying their talents so much that I neglect to develop my own.
Forgive me for the time I spend playing games with my "personality"
and for the time I don't spend in developing my character.
Now, let me forget about the stranger that I was so that I may find myself;
for I will never know my home unless I leave it,
and I will never find myself if I refuse to lose myself.
Lord, let me be open to my brothers, so that, through them,
you will be able to visit me as you friend.
For then I will be the person that your Love wants me to be,
your son, Father, and a brother to my brothers.