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Office of the Archbishop

October 3, 2017

Dear Brother Bishops,

I am privileged to serve along with Bishop Paul Loverde on the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP). The Alliance has members from the Orthodox Church, several Protestant Churches, and representatives from the Jewish and Muslim communities.

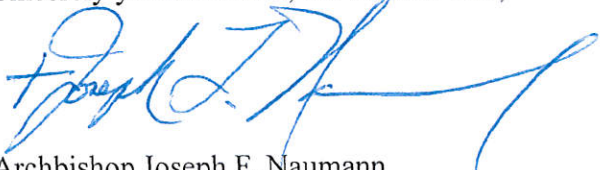
For the last two years, RAAP has provided national webinars, which are typically focused on protecting families and marriages from pornography. The next webinar entitled "*Parents, Kids and Pornography: The Attack on a Generation*" will focus on the use of pornography by youth within our faith communities, along with practical steps that parents and religious leaders can implement to protect our youth.

An anonymous survey at a Catholic high school indicated that 70% of the students reported viewing pornography several times per week or more, while only 11% of the students reported that they did not view pornography (1). Internet pornography has indeed become an "attack on a generation," which is negatively impacting the majority of youth both in our parishes and in other faith communities.

Along with this letter I have included a copy of the RAAP flyer for the next webinars on November 7th and November 16th. I encourage you to consider promoting these RAAP webinars to priests, Catholic leaders and parents. I also included an infographic that was designed after a recent clergy training day on pornography in Kansas City. Perhaps, you might find the infographic useful in discerning how you might want to provide guidance to the members of your archdioceses/dioceses.

Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

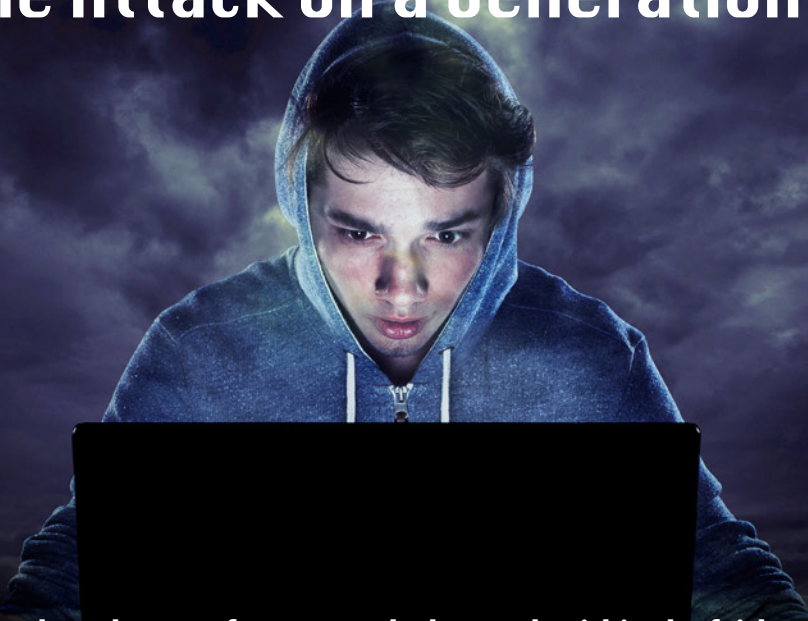


Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

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PARENTS, KIDS, AND PORNOGRAPHY

The Attack on a Generation



This webinar will explore the use of pornography by youth within the faith community, the impact of its destructive messages on both attitudes and behavior and practical steps that parents and pastors can take in helping young people navigate this minefield of lies and deception.

Webinar outline:

GOD'S DESIGN: *What is God's message about purity, sexuality and marriage? Why is God's truth best for youth? What are the blessings of following God's ways?*

THE REALITY: *Our youth are looking at pornography in staggering numbers. They are not exempted from the challenge and its destructive impact which lasts beyond the days of childhood into adulthood and marriage.*

MOVING AHEAD: *In the face of the challenge what are parents and pastors to do? When should we be talking to our youth about the issue? How do we do this? What are some steps we can take with users and those who have become addicted? How do we help them in safely using the technological devices that are connected to the internet?*

Schedule:

NOVEMBER 7, NOON EST AND NOVEMBER 16, 8PM EST

The webinar will last an hour and is free. Register at:

bit.ly/pornographys-impact-on-youth



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The Real Story of Pornography's Impact on Youth

Webinar Presenters:



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