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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to endorse *Alive to the World* as an enlightened programme of personal, social and health education fully in keeping with the mind of the Church. My conviction is that *Alive to the World* meets the highest standards for its breadth of vision, its age appropriateness and its pedagogic methods.

Alive to the World in essence teaches children how to live life well: to grow in virtue, to respect themselves in the fullness of their persons, mind, body and spirit, and to discover a zest for living, with all the hard work that that entails. It also respects the right and duty of parents to impart to their own children the more intimate aspects of sex education. Most impressively, *Alive to the World* reveals marriage as a natural institution to which every child has a right to aspire and helps to form children to this end.

This courageous stance is particularly commendable in a secular programme which uses non-religious language in order to reach the non-church-goers. *Alive to the World* fully supports the moral teaching of the Catholic Church and would certainly help to underpin good programmes of religious education, while it also gives children the ability to defend their values among their peers. As such, I commend the programme to non-Catholics and Catholics alike, and feel confident that it will help young people to adulthood in many countries of the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean Laffitte'.

✠ Jean Laffitte
Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family