

Positive in tone

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Forget 'sexperts'

CHICAGO—Kudos to Linda Chavez for her recent commentary "Parents play an important role in discouraging teen sex" (Op-Ed, May 6).

It seems we are finally starting to realize that the best sex education is provided by the good example of parents, not the "value-free" propaganda pumped out by the "sexperts" at Planned Parenthood and the like.

The sexperts like to say that promoting the use of contraceptives and abortifacients will help to reduce teen pregnancies and thus reduce the number of abortions. These are also the same people who think the RU-486 is the next "miracle" drug! The only thing classroom sex education and contraceptives contribute to is more fornication and subsequently, more abortions!

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Message of hope

CHICAGO—In a world engulfed by spiritual darkness and moral chaos, John Paul II has certainly been a beacon of light and hope.

During the past two decades, this pope has had a profound impact on our society in many ways: He is largely responsible for the decline of communism and the unmasking of its shallow, yet dangerous philosophy; he has brought people of all faiths closer to God and to each other by way of authentic ecumenism; and he has fought valiantly to defeat the present "culture of death" by proclaiming the gospel of life.

Even in the face of his critics and detractors, those on the left accusing him of being authoritarian and oppressive, and those on the right calling him a heretic and false prophet, John Paul II has stood firm in the truth.

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