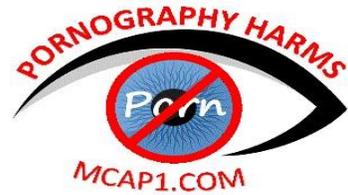


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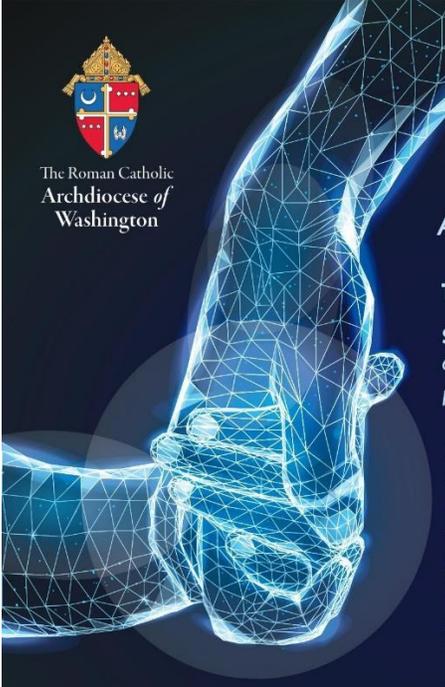
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ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK RUNS FROM OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 7

Pornography Awareness Week brings together hundreds of national, state and local groups, along with driven concerned citizens in a massive effort to educate the public on the harms from pornography and the many resources available to aid those affected. [National WRAP Week](#) always starts the last Sunday of October. Religious and civic leaders – we urge you to take a stand, share resources, preach a sermon to enlighten people about porn's many harms. Please see our enclosed business card which we hope you will keep handy for ready reference. You are cordially invited to attend this free presentation, in-person or via Zoom. Register [here](#).




The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of
Washington

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES

Anti-Pornography Awareness Talk for Parents

Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
6701 Muncaster Mill Rd., Derwood, MD 20855
Register at: <https://educationaltalk2021.eventbrite.com>

Do you know that the average age of first exposure to pornography is 11 years old?

With children online more than ever, we invite you to join us for a workshop to learn about the harmful effects of pornography on children and families, the science of how it impacts the brain, warning signs, how to change or address addictions and resources on how to talk with your children about this topic. The workshop will take place in-person at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Derwood, MD and will also be held simultaneously on Zoom.

Speaker: Rebecca Mullan MS, LCPC
The workshop is free and will be held simultaneously in-person and on Zoom.

Hosted by the Office for Family Life.
For more information call 301-853-4546
or email visiblesign@adw.org.



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This presentation will also be available in Spanish on Oct. 24.

Mastercard is taking an important step to confront—and hopefully end—the horrific abuse on sites hosting pornography.

Their new policies have officially gone into effect as of October 15, 2021.

The new policies require banks connecting sellers of "adult content" (a.k.a. pornography) to Mastercard to ensure that the companies meet the following five standards:

1. Clear, unambiguous and documented consent
2. Documented age and identity verification for all people depicted and those uploading the content
3. Content review process prior to publication
4. Complaint resolution process that addresses illegal or nonconsensual content within seven business days
5. Appeals process allowing for any person depicted to request their content be removed

This is a major step in protecting victims of rape and sex trafficking, child sexual abuse material, and those who are filmed or have content uploaded non-consensually.

Tell Visa it's not too late to reject profits from sexual abuse and exploitation, following Mastercard's lead. See the [NCOSE petition](#).

TAKE ACTION



WATCH MOVIES HOWEVER THE BLEEP YOU WANT

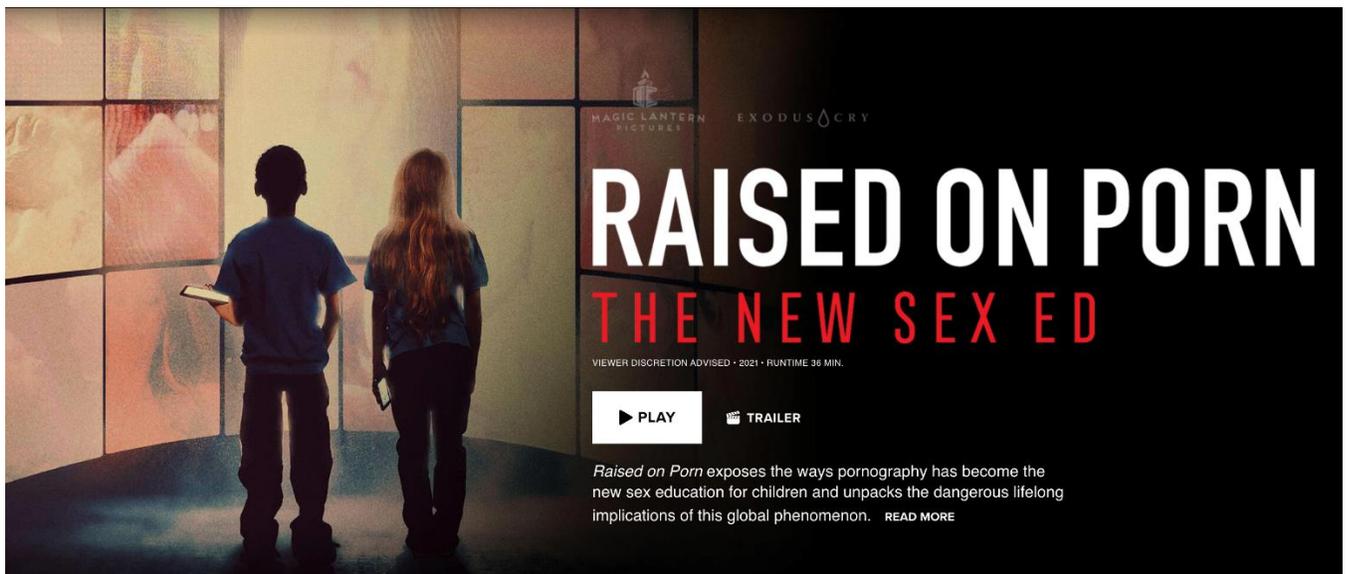
Have you heard of Vid Angel, a “clean” competitor to Netflix and Amazon Prime Video which is a company empowering individuals and families to keep content that contradicts their values off of their TV screens. Vid Angel “provides a way to skip or mute things you don’t want to see or hear in movies and TV shows.” NCOSE (the National Center on Sexual Exploitation) has given it special recognition for its work as a family-friendly platform for streaming content. It has the ability to mute profanity and racial slurs, as well as skip graphic violence, disturbing images, and nudity, all based on your personal choices and settings. Its filters can be applied to Netflix and Amazon (Prime Video, Movies Anywhere through Amazon) and is compatible with a host of devices. Read NCOSE’s article about some of the exploitative fare being put out on those 2 platforms, and more info about how Vid Angel works [here](#). Filters can be used in [a few ways](#). You can set them as defaults for all titles or you can choose specific filters for each title. Parental controls allow users to lock all filters with a pin. For more info, see their website: <https://www.vidangel.com/>

FOR PODCAST LISTENERS

Podcast fans may find these two podcasts to be useful tools and intriguing. Intriguing interviews with experts on porn’s harms and survivor stories - see “**Consider Before Consuming**” produced by the organization Fight the New Drug. Another is “**Lust is Boring**” - hosted by Jason Evert, a bestselling author of over 15 books, including *The Dating Blueprint* and *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul*.

A Tidal Wave of Lawsuits Facing Pornography Producers – Be Encouraged

It has been one year since the case [Jane Doe v. Cissy Steele et al.](#) was filed by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE), ushering in a wave of lawsuits against the exploitative pornography industry. The tide seems to be turning against the commercial sex industry overall. For more details, see this [blog](#) by Dani Pinter, NCOSE senior legal counsel, with case updates and what we can look forward to. The NCOSE law center offers survivors of pornography-related abuse a way to seek justice. More information can be found at: <https://sexualexploitationlawsuits.com/>.



"Raised on Porn" Documentary Exposes Effects of Porn on Children

A new documentary from Exodus Cry and Magic Lantern Pictures, *Raised on Porn*, exposes the ways pornography has become the new sex education for children and unpacks the dangerous lifelong implications of this global phenomenon. It can be viewed via YouTube, free, using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzPylqS01qU>.

You are encouraged to click on “like” and to share it further. Also consider signing the petition demanding age verification on porn sites - see <https://exoduscry.com/pcnp/>.

Women's Issues Videos

A SHE (Support t, Healing, Empower) virtual recovery summit took place during the pandemic that brought together numerous expert presentations with vital info on women's porn-related issues. From it videorecordings were collected and made available via this [Covenant Eyes web page](#), such as embracing and implementing accountability, sexual integrity, authentic intimacy and more, most of which are faith-based. Hostess: Crystal Renaud Day, the founder and executive director of SheRecovery.com as well as a pastoral counselor, life coach, author, and speaker. Her ministry was launched out of the experience of her own journey of becoming whole after an 8-year pornography and sexual addiction as a teenager. Her website has more info/resources: <https://livingonpurposekc.com/>

And for Men...

Noted anti-porn authors, Matt Fradd and Jason Evert have teamed up and released a dynamic new book: ***Forged: 33 Days Toward Freedom*** that offers faith-based effective strategies for men to win daily battles and to obtain lasting freedom and victory in the war against lust. Each day offers a unique weapon that belongs in every man's arsenal against the flesh. Readers will also receive an encouraging free 3-minute video each day from more than 30 presenters.

ACTION BOX

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MCAP is in great need of board members and administrative help, such as newsletter editing and social media outreach! **Please** call Peggy Cairns, 301-439-8475, or email mcapinc@mcap1.com if you wish to serve. Our monthly meetings are easy to attend as they are virtual, on Zoom.



If you are on Facebook, do "like" [MCAP's page](#), keep current on developments with issues we are following, and share with others.

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