



The Roman Catholic
Diocese of Phoenix

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Dear Parents,

We are grateful to Melanie Pritchard for the gift she is bringing to the young women of the Diocese of Phoenix in her new organization, Vera Bella.

We have known Melanie Pritchard for many years and can assure parents that she is a wonderful speaker on the truths of the plan of God for sexuality, the gift of chastity, and the inherent dignity of human life at all stages. Melanie is a gifted and knowledgeable presenter in all these areas. She is one of a growing number of young people who have given their lives over to delivering important cutting-edge information about issues related to building a Culture of Life. Her influence in the lives of young people is truly a gift.

Our young people need such a formation, as the prevailing popular culture is fast replacing the traditional values on which our society was founded. It is wonderful that her message of modesty and purity can give youth the courage to be the authentic persons they were created to be.

As diocesan leaders we both convey and join in Bishop Olmsted's wholehearted endorsement and recommendation of the Vera Bella program for your own teenage girls.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mike Phelan
Director Marriage
and Respect Life

Cindy Leonard
NFP Coordinator