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Discovery Education and Catholic Telemedia Network Partnership Provides Updated Curriculum Resources for Catholic Schools

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Silver Spring, MD (April 19, 2006) – Discovery Education today announced updated Catholic-themed curriculum resources available through *unitedstreaming* — the most widely used digital video-based learning resource for schools and the only service of its kind proven to increase student achievement¹. Developed in partnership with the Catholic Telemedia Network, these online resources are available to all Catholic schools subscribing to the *unitedstreaming* digital video-on-demand service.

In addition to the 5,000 educational videos, 50,000 video clips, and other media resources available through *unitedstreaming*, Catholic educators can access the following at no additional cost:

Religion Outcomes: A multimedia document integrating Catholic outcomes into the curriculum. *Religion Outcomes* is organized by grade and includes web resources and streaming video clips.

Catholic WebQuests: A complete package of website links, supplementary worksheets, a grading rubric, and instructions for conducting Catholic-themed WebQuests, online activities designed to help students learn to use their time effectively and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Writing Prompts: Web pages that spark students' imaginations and help them develop writing and analytical skills.

Catholic Web Resource Collections: Online resources organized by subject, including Church and Doctrine teachings, Church Seasons, Scripture and Worship.

"We are delighted to be partnering with Catholic Telemedia Network to customize *unitedstreaming* to meet the curricular interests of Catholic schools," said Ron Reed, Executive Vice President, School Service, Discovery Education. "This is one example of the

many instances in which we work closely with partners and customers to shape this tremendous educational resource to meet their particular needs.”

Changing the way educators use digital media, *unitedstreaming* delivers over 5,000 educational video programs chaptered into content-specific video clips that can be streamed or downloaded directly into the classroom, either via the Internet or through locally hosted video servers. In addition to high-quality video content, *unitedstreaming* also contains more than 20,000 digital images, plus teacher’s guides, student activities, and classroom integration ideas to help bring classroom learning to life. Discovery Education’s online learning resources are currently licensed to over 70,000 schools across the United States – including more than 2,300 Catholic schools.

To sign up for a free 30-day trial, visit www.unitedstreaming.com and create an account by entering passcode **C736-C598** to access the new Catholic content. For more information about *unitedstreaming* or any of Discovery Education’s other products and services, please visit www.discoveryeducation.com or call 800-323-9084.

About Discovery Education

Discovery Education is a division of Discovery Communications, the leading global real-world and knowledge-based media company. The leader in digital video-based learning, Discovery Education produces and distributes high-quality digital video content in easy-to-use formats, in all core-curricular subject areas. Its award-winning digital learning resources are licensed to more than 70,000 schools across the United States. Discovery Education is committed to creating scientifically proven, standards-based digital resources for teachers, students, and parents. Through strategic partnerships with over 25 public television stations across the country, its public service initiatives, products, and joint business ventures, Discovery Education helps educators around the world harness the power of broadband and media to connect their students to a world of learning. For more information, visit www.discoveryeducation.com.

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¹ Two independent random-assignment, control-group studies—conducted in rural Virginia in 2002 and urban Los Angeles, California in 2004—showed statistically significant improvement in Social Studies, Science, and Math performance for students exposed to video content from *unitedstreaming* over those students not exposed to the content. Details available online at <http://www.unitedstreaming.com/publicPages/evaluation2004.cfm>