

TO THE POINT

Why don't we know much about our Heavenly Mother?

We know that we have both a Heavenly Father and a Heavenly Mother. This knowledge appears to have originated with Joseph Smith and has been repeatedly reinforced by inspired teachings of Church leaders over the years. However, beyond the existence of a Heavenly Mother and the role of our Heavenly Parents in working together for the salvation and exaltation of their children, no further details about Heavenly Mother have been revealed. For now, we know enough to understand that we are children of Heavenly Parents, who want us to become like Them. This understanding helps us see who we are and what we can become. It shows us that gender is part of our eternal identity and that men and women cannot be exalted without each other. And those are rare and precious truths in themselves. ■

For more information, see "Mother in Heaven" at topics.lds.org.



What is the Church's position on sex education?

Church leaders have said that you should be taught about intimacy primarily by your parents. In this responsibility, parents are encouraged to teach in the home about sexual intimacy honestly and plainly to help their children avoid serious transgressions. The Church even has materials to help in this teaching (see lds.org/manuals/a-parents-guide).

When it comes to what you are taught in school about sex, Church leaders have urged your parents to be aware of what is taught there and to do what they can to ensure that it follows good moral and ethical values. ■