“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

-The Gospel according to John
Mission Statement

In union with and in service of the Blessed Trinity and the Catholic Church, TOBET seeks to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, spread hope, and, by word and example, draw all people into the Communion of Persons of the Blessed Trinity by instructing others about Pope John Paul’s Theology of the Body for the renewal and sanctification of the family, the Church, and the rest of society.

“The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible the invisible realities: the spiritual and the divine.”

- Blessed Pope John Paul II
It is a joy to present you with TOBET’s 2012 Annual Report. I am overwhelmed with gratitude as we continue to measure the countless fruits that God has brought forth through you, our TOBET Mission Partners. Our ministry is certainly fruitful because of your sacrifice, and I thank you for glorifying God in your giving.

Today’s culture is strewn with struggles all of us must face: broken families, friends leaving the Church, abortions, the divorce rate, national tragedies, to name a few. We ask ourselves, “What can I possibly do to bring the light of Christ into such darkness?” The answer: you already have brought this Gospel light into such darkness, through your support of the Theology of the Body message by TOBET. You are truly helping TOBET to change lives.

Through our annual report we celebrate the fruit of your giving, with stories of conversion and victory, of young people and their families who have encountered Christ more deeply through TOBET. On behalf of the entire Theology of the Body Evangelization Team, I thank you for your generous support as our Mission Partners, and may you see the fruit of your generosity in the stories that follow, and give glory to God for His work in you.
Bearing Fruit That Will Last

A history of growth, thanks to TOBET Mission Partners

TOBET is founded as the first non-profit in North America solely dedicated to the promotion of the Theology of the Body.

December 2001

TOBET grows into a full time ministry with Monica Ashour as the full time director and speaker, thanks to the support of a handful of donors.

January 2008

$10,000 grant awarded from the Catholic Foundation granted funds for TOBET to expand our teen programs.

March 2010

theREVOLUTION college program begins in order to evangelize college students on three university campuses, using high energy media presentations, talks, and follow-up study groups.

August 2011

TOB-In-Touch for Adults is released via my Catholic Faith DELIVERED™ our first online Theology of the Body course is released to equip parents and other adults who work with teens.

Fall 2009

TOBET4/ByTeens program established with the training of a team of high school teens in Coppell, TX who present talks and skits about TOB to their peers.

March 2009

TOBET missionary program begins with young adults who serve as interns, providing the service necessary to grow the ministry of talks, retreats, and study groups.

July 2010

$5,000 grant awarded by the Catholic Foundation for the development of our Bible Study Series for College Students.

March 2012

TOBET partners with The Newman Connection to develop a media project via social media to help reach college students with the Theology of the Body.

December 2012

$10,000 grant awarded

from the Catholic Foundation granted funds for TOBET to expand our teen programs.
Wyatt Stein is a Junior in high school and a TOBET 4/ByTeens participant in Coppell, Texas. After experiencing a TOBET retreat and continued formation in a weekly study group, Wyatt shares this message with middle school and high school students. Here is his testimony:

As a high school student in this day and age, there are so many temptations to be someone other than who Christ created me to be. These temptations are constantly bombarding me with their presence, and it is very difficult to avoid them. Many teens proclaim their faith at certain times, but practice hypocrisy at other times. Due to my involvement with TOBET, I am able to see all that I have to lose if I fall into the world’s temptations. TOBET helps me by keeping me accountable with our weekly study groups and the opportunity to help present the message of the Theology of the Body to my peers. Most of all, I have made amazing friends in TOBET that support me and everything I want to be. TOBET has been such an important foundation for me, that I know that I am created in the image of God and my body has so much dignity. TOBET is the best way to spread the word about God revealing the meaning of life through our bodies, and I am proud to be part of it.

2012 Evangelization Statistics
Counting the fruits that come from your sacrifice of generosity

Clockwise from top left: TOBET 4/ByTeens presentation to over 300 youth. Teen study group in Coppell, TX. TOBET 4/ByTeens participants in Allen, TX. TOBET Young Adult Members Ricardo Rodriguez and Jessica Morgan, engaged in December 2012.

Lives changed by TOBET
Stories behind the numbers

Wyatt Stein

Above: Wyatt (right) after a presentation. Below: Wyatt and others performing a TOBET skit.
The Theology of the Body by Blessed John Paul II has made an everlasting impact on our family. It has been a gift to our spirituality, our marriage, and in raising three teenagers; Chandler is 17, Trace is 15, and Cadence is 13. The teaching is so approachable that we are all more confident, informed and comfortable discussing what are typically tough topics for parents and kids. Our kids’ comments to us have included, “I know the definition of my purpose and the purpose of my body... I know how to be a man... I learned to realize whether what I am doing is for myself or for someone else... I know now that virtue is a gift that I give to someone, and that vice serves only myself... I see the deeper purpose of relationships.” As parents, these comments humble and inspire us to continue giving this teaching to our children.

As a married couple, this teaching has not only deepened the purpose of our marriage and strengthened our love for each other; it has also deepened our understanding of the Eucharist, confession, the priesthood, and all of the sacraments and signs. And yet the richness of JPII’s Theology of the Body goes so much deeper into layers we have yet begun to work into our daily lives!

As we continue to grow from TOBET’s teachings in our family, our parish and our community, we have made becoming a TOBET Mission Partner a priority, through our financial support and prayers. It is humbling to see our modest temporal contributions multiply manifold by TOBET’s efficient and energetic spreading of the Pope’s message. We can already see TOBET beginning to leave eternal imprints in our world and beyond.

Mission Partner Spotlight: The Chiappes

A family whose generosity bears fruit in their own lives
TOBET blends faith and fun with “The TOB Two-Step”

This event gave an opportunity for young men and women to dance Texas Two-Step, after receiving the Theology of the Body message. The presentation used the foundation of dancing to explain how our bodies reveal how we are called to live out authentic masculinity and femininity in our friendships and relationships. Here are some testimonies:

“Hearing the connections between dancing and the role of men and women—how the man is called to lead and reveal to a woman her beauty—has driven me to further embrace my own masculinity and to share this message with others. The Theology of the Body has touched my life in a very profound way and the Two-Step was a way for me to act on my God-given gift of masculinity.”
- Curtis Walter, college student

“I really enjoyed the TOB Two Step because it helped me to realize that even something as fun and simple as dancing reveals God’s love and my identity as a man. Thanks to the TOBET presentation I better understand that I can grow in holiness in all aspects of my life, even while dancing the Texas two step.”
- John Stein, college student
The total revenue for 2012 was $146,844. As depicted by the graph, the primary way our ministry is sustained is by donations. The generosity of our Mission Partners is directly related to our ability to evangelize and spread the message of the Theology of the Body.
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for the many ways you help our ministry. From your prayers and personal sacrifices of time and money to your willingness to volunteer or offer advice and encouragement that fosters growth. You are the reason and the catalyst that makes our mission a reality in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your gift of self.

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