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Thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church...I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Monica,

Blessings upon you!

Thank you so much for all that you and your team at TOBET have done to create age-appropriate yet profoundly theological books for teaching Theology of the Body. Our diocese has recently required all teachers in grades K-8 to teach TOB concepts in our religion curriculum and your resources have been of tremendous value in helping us to do so.

Upon reading the books, our teachers were relieved to find TOB was not "sex ed" nor "too heavy." What a blessing to find resources that go to the heart of the message of Theology of the Body, especially the truth and beauty of the human person – body and soul – made in the image and likeness of God. The format of the grade level books, with the breakdown into separate lessons that build on one another, and build concepts from grade to grade, is providing a common language and understanding among all our students. Helping our little ones to know that their body is a gift helps them to see how the bodies of others are gifts as well, to be treated with love and respect. The classic "keep your hands to yourself" is now backed up by "treat the other person as a gift."

Older students have been able to recognize the difference between "love" and "use" which is helping them to navigate the challenges they face from negative social pressures. Instead, "wanting the good for the other" is empowering them to reject such pressures.

As anyone involved in education can attest, the challenges our children are facing from societal norms are increasingly alarming. While not addressing sensitive topics directly (like gender identity or homosexuality), your books are providing a foundation for our children to understand that their bodies were created male and female by God for a purpose and that "it is good to be a boy" and "it is good to be a girl." It is helping them to be more solid in their individual identity as well as then understanding how they were created for relationship with others. Just by way of example, last year one of our first grade teachers overheard a lunch conversation where one of her girls was telling another that "women can marry women." While still teaching that every person deserves respect, she gently used your books to show that God's plan from the beginning was to create Eve for Adam and Adam for Eve, and thus was able to start chipping away at this false notion that our culture disguises as truth.

Our school promotes a strong academic education for our students, but if we don't address the foundational issue of their identity as beloved sons and daughters of God, our loving Father, we are leaving them vulnerable to the deceptions and distortions that can jeopardize their success in this life and their ultimate happiness in the next. We consider our investment in these resources to be well worth it and we are so grateful for your dedication in providing them. We are already seeing shifts in our students after only one year of implementation. We look forward to the years ahead in which they will become more and more rooted in the truth of their dignity and can even more fully "live in the freedom of the children of God."

May God bless you!

Sister Mary Michael, CK
Principal

In Christ's Love,

Sister Mary Angela, CK
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