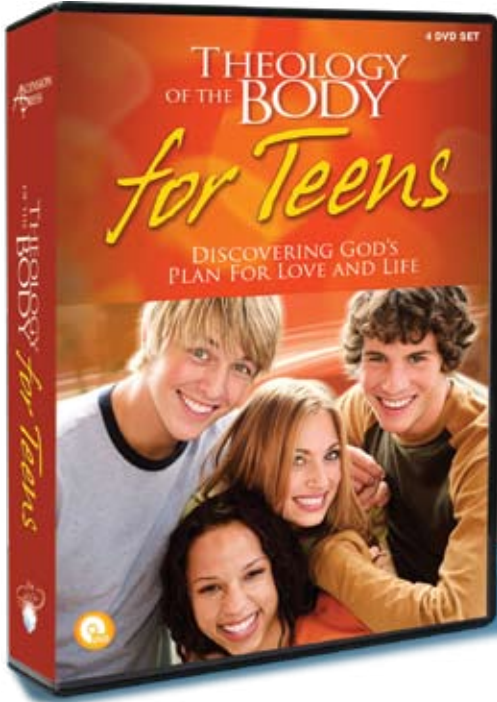


THEOLOGY OF THE BODY *for Teens*

Every day teens are thinking about their sexuality as they search for meaning in their lives. Now there's a curriculum for Catholic teenagers based on the Theology of the Body that helps them understand the significance of their sexuality and the purpose of their lives. Introducing *Theology of the Body for Teens: Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life*.

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A New Language for a New Generation

Theology of the Body for Teens presents the two hottest topics on the planet--God and sex--and "marries" them through Pope John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life. Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and references to the culture that teens understand, *Theology of the Body for Teens* answers the questions teens have about their own bodies, issues on sexual morality, and how they were uniquely created for greatness.

Theology of the Body for Teens answers questions such as:

- Why did God give us our sexual desires?
- What is the difference between love and lust?
- Can Christ bring healing to me if I've already "messed up"?
- How far is "too far"?
- How can teens remain pure in our oversexed culture?
- Is there any hope for overcoming lust and pornography?

How is the program implemented?

The *Theology of the Body for Teens* program is divided into 12 unique segments that reflect the pedagogical approach of John Paul II's revolutionary teaching. The program has been designed specifically as a catechetical program to fit perfectly into Catholic schools, youth ministry, CCD, and homeschooling settings. *Theology of the Body for Teens* has been granted the Imprimatur by Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

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Dear Editor/Producer,

In today's world young people often struggle to understand the significance of their sexuality and the purpose of their lives. They need more than the "just say no" language of traditional chastity programs and they deserve to know the "whys" behind the rules. *Theology of the Body for Teens: Discovering God's Plan For Love & Life* provides the answers that teens have been looking for.

Pope John Paul II's revolutionary Theology of the Body is changing lives around the world through its positive portrayal of our sexuality as a good and essential part of love and life. *Theology of the Body for Teens* brings this exciting teaching into a practical format of twelve lessons that teenagers enjoy and understand. The program takes the two hottest topics on the planet, God and sex, and integrates them through this compelling vision for love and life.

Perfect for use in Catholic Schools, youth ministry, CCD and homeschool settings, *Theology of the Body for Teens* has been granted the Imprimatur by Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Please consider scheduling Brian Butler and/or Jason & Crystalina Evert for an interview to discuss this life-changing program.

Sincerely,

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Theology of the Body Provides Answers to Teenage Woes

WEST CHESTER, Pa., May 28, 2008—Ascension Press, publisher of the best-selling *Theology of the Body for Beginners*, announces the release of the *Theology of the Body for Teens: Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life*, by Brian Butler and Jason & Crystalina Evert.

Few would doubt that today's teenagers face extraordinary pressure to become sexually active. With permissive mores dominating the airwaves and high-school lunchroom conversations, young Catholics are surrounded by messages that challenge their faith and lead them to places that many do not want to go, according to chastity educators and co-authors Jason and Crystalina Evert.

"I've met countless young people who, in their heart of hearts, do not want to follow the call of the culture and become sexually active, but they feel ill-equipped to respond to the challenge," explains Jason Evert, who speaks to more than 100,000 teenagers each year at his seminars. "I believe the Theology of the Body was given to us for times such as this because it offers a unique, new 'language' that absolutely resonates with people, especially our teens."

"The Theology of the Body is especially important for teens who are thinking every day about their bodies and souls as they search for meaning in their lives," explains Brian Butler, a specialist in adolescent education and co-author of *Theology of the Body for Teens* with the Everts. "This program helps them to understand the significance of their sexuality and the purpose of their lives by presenting the truth of God's life-giving and liberating love."

Theology of the Body for Teens, published by Ascension Press, uses a comprehensive approach that includes stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and references to the culture that captures the hearts and minds of teens. This program takes two of the most controversial topics, God and sex, and integrates them through John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life.

"I have seen tremendous fruit from this program." Says Meghan Weaver, a Chastity Program Coordinator for The Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida. "Before my eyes, I saw teens open up to a new vision of life and sexuality. I saw them astounded that there was another way to live, another way of life that actually brought happiness, peace and joy. They saw the choice between emptiness/slavery and true freedom. Those students whose hearts were opened were changed forever."

The program includes a DVD Series, Leader's Guide, Student Workbooks, and Parent Guide Booklet. The DVDs feature the Everts and Butler teaching the twelve core lessons of the program. An extremely valuable bonus presentation is a forty minute Parent Overview, wherein the authors introduce the parents to the Theology of the Body and give them an overview of the entire *Teens* program.

Theology of the Body for Teens has been granted the *Imprimatur* by Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Theology of the Body for Teens is available at www.AscensionPress.com, or by calling 800.376.0520.

Brian Butler and Jason & Chrystalina Evert are available for interviews. To schedule an interview, please contact Christine Schicker at 404-610-8871 or email cschicker@MaximusMG.com. Or contact Ashley Walker at 678-990-9032 or email awalker@MaximusMG.com.

What People Are Saying About Theology of the Body for Teens

"*Theology of the Body for Teens* is a brilliant curriculum. It is so successful because it speaks to the teens without sacrificing the beauty and power of the message. This goes beyond a traditional chastity program by teaching teens a new language—the language of the body—where God's original plan is stamped right into their very beings."

– Christopher West
Best-selling author of *Theology of the Body for Beginners* & *Theology of the Body Explained*

"This study is put together masterfully. The stories are relevant, the tips are useful, the discussions are thought provoking, the 'Live-It-Out' sections are tremendous! There is so much to this program that one simply cannot walk away without gaining a deeper understanding of what love is, what the purpose of life is, how we can find true happiness, or how we can find love that really satisfies."

"With all that teens face in today's world, this study is a must. Response from both the teens and their parents has been extremely positive. I could not recommend it more highly!"

– Jeff Stankovsky
Director of Youth Ministry
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
Indianapolis, IN

"*Theology of the Body for Teens* has been such an inspiration and an astounding experience for me as a teen."

– Chelsea M.
High-School Senior

"It reaches the kids at their level and calls them up to a higher standard of living and loving. The personal stories in the book speak to them and occasionally even bring tears to their eyes. Week by week I am watching the self esteem of these beautiful young people develop as they come to realize that they are valuable, they are good, and their sexuality is holy! After only three weeks of class a mother of one of my students shared with me that when she asked her daughter about the program, she replied, 'It's really interesting. I look at my body in a whole new way.'"

– Joeline Chipps
Teacher, *Theology of the Body for Teens*
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

"*Theology of the Body for Teens* is just what youth ministers have been waiting for. It's a resource that facilitates the teaching of the wonderful message from John Paul II in a way that teens can understand. Brian Butler and Jason Evert are two great presenters who offered a variety of personal insights based on their experience of how to best use and present the material. Their knowledge on the subject, but most importantly their passion for the message, is what made the day so fulfilling for all who attended. The detailed overview on each of the sessions provided opportunity to explore each of the topics and ask any questions related. It was a gift for the Diocese to host this inspiring training of this new resource. We hope to continue providing more days of training in the near future."

– Marissa Esparza
Director for the Office for Youth Ministry
Diocese of San Diego

What People Are Saying About Theology of the Body for Teens

"*Theology of the Body for Teens* has been incredible. John Paul II's teaching is so profound. The book has really brought it down to a teenage level. It opened my eyes to where I not only understand the concepts, but I see why I should live that way, and that's the way I want to live."

– Matt C.
High-School Senior

"I have seen tremendous fruit from this program. Before my eyes, I saw teens open up to a new vision of life and sexuality. I saw them astounded that there was another way to live, another way of life that actually brought happiness, peace and joy. They saw the choice between emptiness/slavery and true freedom. Those students whose hearts were opened were changed forever."

– Meaghan Weaver
NFP/Chastity Program Coordinator
Diocese of Palm Beach

"Brian Butler and Jason & Crystalina Evert have created an amazing resource in *Theology of the Body for Teens* to guide teens as they explore their deepest desires: to love and to be loved. Using Pope John Paul II's writings, scripture, and modern cultural references, the authors have crafted fun and relevant lessons that will engage young people and inspire them to live out God's design for them. The *Theology of the Body for Teens* Training is an excellent overview of the material and a chance for educators to seek answers that the teens they minister to desperately need."

– Suzanna K
San Diego, CA

"I am excited about the *Theology of the Body for Teens* teaching because we need it; I am excited about it because our children not only need it, but they are hungry for it. As a mother of three (14, 12 and 8), I am excited for them. The tide is changing; I see it everyday in ministry. People no longer want to guess what the rules are, they are asking for them. John Paul II has given us that, although the rules had never changed, we now have a beautiful way to present them and a beautiful way to receive them. What a gift the Church and Her wisdom are to us, the people of God."

– Donna Gardner
Director
Rachel's Vineyard
Diocese of Palm Beach, FL

"*Theology of the Body for Teens* is one of the finest resources for young people in the entire Church. Wherever they are on the spectrum—whether a teen has never dated or has a history of sexual activity—they can very easily enter into the program and enjoy the fruits of a new-found sense of an authentic purity."

– Mark Hart
Best-selling author and youth ministry expert

"*Theology of the Body for Teens* is the most powerful weapon that I've come across in all of my ministry to help teens in their relationship with God, and to liberate them from the lies they face every day."

– Fr. Mark Toups
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

Interview Questions

1. Let's start with a general question about today's teens. Do you think modern teens are substantially different than teens in past generations?
2. What about in regards to the topic of sexuality?
3. Should parents be more concerned or fearful than they were in the past about their teens and the topic of sex?
4. OK, let's talk about the Theology of the Body. Can you explain a little about this body of work for those that are unfamiliar with the term?
5. It's been said that God gives the Church what it needs when it needs it. Do you think the Theology of the Body falls into this category? Is it meeting teens where they need to be met?
6. Why should parents and educators be concerned that their children are familiar with the Theology of the Body?
7. What is it about *Theology of the Body for Teens* that will make it interesting or even fun for a young audience?
8. There is a lot about "purpose" in this program. What is it about the Theology of the Body that is helping teens to find greater purpose in their lives?
9. *Theology of the Body for Teens* places heavy emphasis on teaching the difference between love and utilitarianism. Why is this teaching so important at the outset of the curriculum for teens?
10. What do you think is the greatest "key" within the Theology of the Body that helps teens to understand and appreciate a virtuous life?
11. You encourage teens to learn how to speak the "language of the body" truthfully. What is the language of the body and why is this an important concept for teens today?
12. This curriculum discusses many difficult issues including; contraception, pornography, even homosexuality. How is the Theology of the Body helping teens get a better grasp on what the Church teaches on challenging topics like these?
13. You've said before that this curriculum is more than a chastity program—it is about "vocation formation." What is the thinking behind dedicating so much time to vocation formation through the lens of the Theology of the Body?
14. The subtitle for the program is very ambitious, "Discovering God's plan for love and life." Is it possible to really succeed in assisting teens in this "discovery"?
15. What sort of components does *Theology of the Body for Teens* have that helps to facilitate the learning experience?
16. What is the most important message you want your readers to take from *Theology of the Body for Teens*?
17. Where can our viewers/listeners get the *Theology of the Body for Teens* materials?

About the Authors



Brian Butler

Brian Butler has served as the associate director for youth catechesis in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and has more than twelve years of experience in youth ministry. Brian is the co-founder of Dumb Ox Productions Inc, a nonprofit organization that offers resources focusing on chastity and vocation formation for teenagers. He also currently coordinates a comprehensive vocation formation program for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana. He is the co-author of *The Bible Thumper* (vols. 1 & 2), holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of New Orleans, and is completing his master's degree in theology at Notre Dame Seminary School of Theology. Brian enjoys music, sports, and spending time with his wonderful wife, Lisa, and their three children.



Jason Evert

Jason Evert speaks to more than 100,000 students each year as an apologist and chastity speaker for Catholic Answers. He is the author of six books, including *If You Really Loved Me* and *Pure Love*, which challenge young people to embrace the virtue of chastity. As the founder of Catholic Answer's Pure Love Club, he is internationally-recognized as a leading chastity speaker and teacher. Jason earned a master's degree in theology, and undergraduate degrees in counseling and theology, with a minor in philosophy from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He and his wife, Crystalina, are the parents of two young boys.



Crystalina Evert

Crystalina Evert has shared her inspirational testimony to hundreds of thousands of teens around the world as a member of the Catholic Answers Speakers' Bureau. She is the author of the book *Pure Womanhood* and is a frequent guest on radio programs throughout the country. Together, she and Jason host the EWTN series, *The Pure Life*, and have appeared on Fox News, *Donahue*, WGN, and the BBC. They also serve on the board of directors for the National Abstinence Clearinghouse, and were presented with the 2003 Impact Award by the National Abstinence Clearinghouse in recognition of their success with teens in America.