

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

for Teens

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings

January 6, 13, 20, 27th and February 3 & 10th, 2010

Place: Holy Cross Church Hall

(NE corner of E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid—parking is off of E. 201 St.)

Cost: \$15 per person material fee

Please return registrations forms to Rita Testa at Holy Cross Church Rectory,
19951 Lake Shore Blvd, Euclid, OH 44119.

For more information, contact Mrs. Rita Testa at 216-486-0850

Registration deadline: Monday, December 29, 2009

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Registration Form (Material fee must accompany registration form)

I request permission for the below named person to attend Theology of the Body for Teens.

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PARISH: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Parent Signature

Date

FAQ'S ABOUT THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

What is *Theology of the Body*?

The Theology of the Body is an articulation of the faith that is intended to enrich the lives of all people. It is more than an exposition of the Church's teachings on human sexuality. It is, in fact, the Catholic sacramental worldview, understood, structured, and articulated for a culture plagued by a diseased understanding of man. When properly understood and truly lived, that worldview has the power to transform the way men and women understand their bodies and their souls, their masculinity and femininity, their vocation in this life, and their destiny in the next.

Why do teens need the *Theology of the Body*?

Today's teens are starving for real love; they are looking for meaningful and lasting relationships. They have witnessed firsthand the pain of divorce and seen how permissive sex plays out in their own lives and the lives of those around them. Due to our culture's focus on immediate gratification, many teens have lost their way, and in the process, have lost hope. The Theology of the Body will help restore their hope because it reveals for them a road map to real love and authentic happiness.

What will it do for my teen?

This program will help them understand the meaning of their lives. It will answer the questions they have about their own bodies, about the Church's teachings on sexual morality, and how they were created for greatness. This curriculum will help them to unlearn the misguided teachings of the modern culture and provide them with the very key to life—the key to happiness and peace. It will help them discover the ultimate purpose for which God created them—communion with him.

How explicit is the material covered in *Theology of the Body for Teens*?

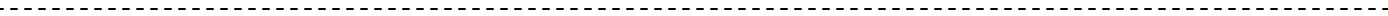
The curriculum is faithful to the language of John Paul II's original lectures. As such, it presents the Church's teachings about human sexuality using specific—but never overly explicit or graphic—language. Therefore, we believe that its content is appropriate for the maturity level of the average Catholic teen.

Does the program address such sensitive topics as homosexuality, masturbation, pornography, and contraception?

Yes. As mentioned above, this curriculum presents Catholic teaching on these topics and others. Since most Catholic teenagers are aware of such issues in today's culture, it is important to address them with great pastoral sensitivity.

What is the age range recommended for *Theology of the Body for Teens*?

The curriculum is intended for all teenagers (thirteen through nineteen). Discretion should always be exercised, though, when discussing topics related to sexuality as attitudes on the part of parents greatly vary.



If you have a question you would like to have addressed, please write it below and I will contact you.
