



Faith Becomes Classroom Culture-

Teaching TOB Themes Through Children's Books

- 1) This presentation was designed to help our students live their vocation to love according to God's plan. The key themes of TOB presented are:
 - a. Who am I? (Created by God in his image and likeness)
 - b. What is my calling/how do I serve him? (virtue development)
 - c. What are my gifts? How can I view others and the world as a gift given from God?
- 2) To instill the dignity of the person with use of TOB language like:
 - "You are made in God's image and likeness"
 - "You are a gift from God"
 - "God invites me to share his love. I am a part of his mission"
 - "I am unique and unrepeatable"
- 3) Students will understand that Heaven is the goal from a relationship of free, total, and self-giving love between human beings and God. This is meant to be "retreat-like" in presentation and support and complement what you currently teach.
- 4) Use of these themes TOB and virtue education can be woven in throughout your day (not just in Religion), and the language of TOB can be incorporated into our daily routine.

- 5) Theology of the Body and virtue education can be woven into your curriculum of different subjects by use of the language and themes.
- 6) The TOB language can be used to support and strengthen your behavior program and conflict resolution in your classroom with focus on appreciating the unique gifts and talents each student brings to your class family.
- 7) Using the book ideas suggested, teachers can implement the themes without extra planning on their part. Having these TOB and virtue themes in mind these ideas can be implemented when a few extra minutes are available.
- 8) The themes of TOB are designed to inspire wonder in our students. The hope is that with exposure to the TOB language and concepts they will express an understanding of these in their perceptions of reality, responses, attitudes, desires, and actions.
- 9) Appreciation of the dignity of the human person, developing a relationship with God to discover our call, and having respect and gratitude to God for his creation are the underlying themes that ties TOB to virtue education.
- 10) This presentation was created by a teacher, for teachers with use of books/stories that teachers want to read, and students want to hear. They are meant to be used on multiple occasions, with multiple types of books and genre (read aloud, novels and stories in your Reading curriculum) to inspire deep classroom discussions throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me:

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