



## Gradual Implementation of Theology of the Body in 2023-2024

### ***Theology of the Body for Teens (Middle School Edition):***

Students in these grades are **beginning** to use reason. Before implementing Theology of the Body, the following need to be taught: the truth that we can know God exists through reason and that we can develop a friendship with Him through prayer.

- **Grade 6**
  - Chapter One – Who Am I? Discovering My True Identity
  - Chapter Two – Our Story: God’s Plan, Human Sin, Jesus’ Love
- **Grade 7 (for 2023-2024)**
  - Chapter One – Who Am I? Discovering My True Identity
  - Chapter Two – Our Story: God’s Plan, Human Sin, Jesus’ Love
- **Grade 8 (for 2023-2024)**
  - Chapter One – Who Am I? Discovering My True Identity
  - Chapter Two – Our Story: God’s Plan, Human Sin, Jesus’ Love
  - Chapter Three – Me, Myself, and I: Body and Soul
  - Chapter Four – How Should I Act?
  - Chapter Five – Sex, Love and Chastity
  - Chapter Six – To Use or Not to Use? That is the Question

**A highly recommended goal for 8<sup>th</sup> grade is to complete Chapters 1-6 this year. The best situation is to separate into groups: the boys to have a man teacher and the girls to have a woman teacher – if possible. Ask parents to attend at least one session.**

*\*In 2024-2025, as students enter the next grade, move on to the next chapters. The ideal is for students to complete all 8 chapters by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Use prudence to determine if the assigned chapters are too little or too much for each age group, as you know the students’ level of innocence. \*\*A group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders may seem mature, but their reasoning is not developed. You might be putting ideas in their head that without proper reasoning may lead them to sin.*

***To help engage parents in the Theology of the Body so that this can become part of daily family life, a parent letter to inform them about this teaching and “Parent Summaries” for each of the TOB chapters are available here: [diolc.org/tob](http://diolc.org/tob). A required meeting should be held to allow parents to view some of the 10-minute videos and to answer their questions. Provide the parents with each Summary as their child studies that particular session.***

Leader’s Resources for the Ascension Press Theology of the Body: Middle School Edition can be found here: Visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) click on Study Programs, Teen Faith Formation and then click on Leader Resources. It is suggested to use the textbooks as non-consumables.



## ***YOU - Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body (High School)***

Students need their questions answered. Before implementing Theology of the Body, include teaching about who God is, how much He loves each individual person, that we can know He exists through our reason and that we can develop a relationship with Him through prayer.

- **Grade 9 (schedules of 4 different Confirmation Programs including TOB are found here: [diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation](https://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation))**
  - Session One: Created for Love
  - Session Two: Naked Without Shame
  - Session Three: Love Defined
  - Session Four: Hope and Redemption in Christ
  - Session Five: Truth and Freedom
  - Session Six: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful
  - Session Seven: Language of the Body
- **Grade 10 (for 2023-2024) (schedules for Confirmation Programs including TOB see above)**
  - Session One: Created for Love
  - Session Two: Naked Without Shame
  - Session Three: Love Defined
  - Session Four: Hope and Redemption in Christ
- **Grade 11 and Grade 12 (for 2023-2024)**
  - All Ten Sessions

***\* The ideal is for students to complete at least 6 chapters, if not all chapters, by the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In 2024-2025, as students enter the next grade, move on to the next chapters. Use prudence to determine if the assigned chapters are too little or too much for each age group, as you know the students' level of innocence. By the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, all students should complete the entire Program.***

***To help engage parents in the Theology of the Body so that this can become part of daily family life, a parent letter to inform them about this teaching and "Parent Summaries" for each of the TOB chapters are available here: [diolc.org/tob](https://diolc.org/tob). A required meeting should be held to allow parents to view some of the 10-minute videos and to answer their questions. Provide the parents with each Summary as their child studies that particular session.***

Leader's Resources, including training videos, for the Ascension Press *YOU - Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body (High School)* can be found here: Visit [ascensionpress.com](https://ascensionpress.com) click on Study Programs, Teen Faith Formation and then click on Leader Resources. *Use the textbooks as non-consumables. There are many excellent choices of exercises in each chapter and appendices that include case studies, but you don't have to do everything. Students appreciate the videos.*