

# TEACHERS TALK about On the PATH

Catholic educators, whether at home or in the classroom, need to feel revolutionary when teaching our religion. *On the PATH* is the way to infuse this passion. The critical main difference I note in *On the PATH*, as compared to other resources for teen faith development, is its level of 'teachability.' It presents Catholicism as an engaging learning process that can be applied to the classroom and to everyday life. I thank Peg for creating a truly engaging, consequential, and valuable resource for sharing the great truths of Catholicism with our teens.

*Lisa, classroom teacher*

*On the PATH* gives students the tools to face daily challenges and provides strategies for putting on the armor of God and taking control of their 'ride' through life. They learn it is a choice to take action and stop being a victim. The lessons presented by Peg are useful, empowering, relevant and faith-filled. I pray all of the world's teens, and adults as well, have the insight to look inward at their own power to control outcomes. This book is an amazing tool to begin teaching about this power- our own and that which we are graced with by God.

*Christine, classroom teacher*

The concepts and lingo in *On the Path* are so much more where teens are as compared to what is usually offered in religion programs. The examples it offers are concrete, germane, and easy for them to relate to, and every sentence is packed with great information. Students will find themselves engaged,

investigating, and taking responsibility for their own faith and moral development.

*Jan, Parish School of Religion teacher*

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## **PARENTS TALK about On the PATH**

It is impossible to put into words the impact that *On the PATH* will have on people's lives. Peg invites teens to think about life, and life decisions, in a whole new way, and she has created an excellent guide for teens to follow in becoming exceptional and responsible adult Catholics. Teens introduced to *On the PATH's* skills and lessons are not only likely to live happy, faith-filled lives, but are also likely to be great leaders and examples in faith and life in general.

*Bobbie, parent*

*On the PATH* is such a blessing to many lives. It's a wonderful piece that can help younger readers (and even their adult counterparts) assess their personal and faith lives, and move forward in healthy ways. I can pictured my daughter and oldest son reading this now, and my younger two when they are ready. There is great strength in the text because of Peg's navigation of the material, and the wonderful way she offered scripture as a base. Her understanding and implementation of Top20 concepts was fantastic!

*Kevin, parent*

*On the PATH* has helped me realize that, although I had taken steps to create success in other aspects of my life, I had clearly neglected to create a process for finding and following the pathway to Christ. Peg's book IS that process. As a parent of young children, I appreciate the number of tools that help me when guiding them through challenges. They're tools that my children understand and they help keep Christ at the center of our conversations and solutions.

*On the PATH's* message is serious and powerful, and challenges the reader to change where needed, and to grow. At the same time, the tone is friendly and full of reminders to be patient and forgiving with oneself. It's a great read and one you'll reference over and over again.

*Janet, parent*

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## **TEENS TALK about *On the PATH***

This book reminds me that my mind is a powerful tool and a lot depends upon the choices I make. But no matter the choices, I must indeed remember that God's love is unconditional and unceasing. As I read *On the PATH*, I realized that being LOST does not make me a bad person, it simply makes me human, as we all are. God carries me through it all. Once I get on the PATH, God still carries me. I am the farthest thing from perfect. However, that's okay because *On the PATH* has shown me I can work on being a better me today and every day for the rest of my existence.

*Kendall, 17*

*On the PATH* is a learning tool unlike any other textbook. It is amazing how a lot of these concepts stayed with me five years after I went through the program. I see, and still use, concepts such as “The Line” and “The Frame” in everyday interactions. I recommend this book for students of all ages, as I would be LOST without it.”

*Patrick, 19*

I’m not sure about other schools, but at my school religion classes tend to be kind of general. They are not geared towards teens, but they are being taught to teens. *On the PATH* is a great new approach for teaching religion to teens. It uses metaphors and current examples taken directly from our everyday lives, plus it uses a good balance of humor. If this book was taught, a lot more students would stay attentive and find learning about their faith to be more interesting, challenging, and definitely more engaging.

*Matt, 17*

As a college freshmen at a public university, I wish that I had read *On the PATH* when I was younger. I know it would have made me stronger in my faith and given me the confidence to face everyday obstacles. Though I participated in a program similar to this when I was in middle school, it was missing the faith connection, and that piece makes all the difference. *On the PATH* not only shows teens how to conquer obstacles and confrontations, but how to face them with personal faith, Scripture, and tradition as our backbone and support.

*Sarah, 19*