

About Peg



I've spent 25 years hanging out with Catholic teens. As a Theology teacher, Campus Minister, character formation guru, and motivational speaker, my passion lies in connecting the content of the Catholic faith to the real-time lives of teenagers. My area of expertise has crystallized into a knack for daring young Catholics to bind their newly developing cognitive skills to personal, life-altering relationships with Jesus. Guiding teens to live out these relationship via choices and behaviors that have the potential to transform locker rooms, dinner tables, playing fields, classrooms, and social media sites is my first and highest professional order of business. And because we all have a few tricks up our sleeves, I'm also deeply committed to designing dynamic liturgies for and with teens, and leading contemporary worship ensembles in my home parish.

Author: I'm thrilled to offer *Following Jesus On the PATH: A Catholic Teen's Guide to Life-Altering Faith*, to Catholic teens and the adults who love them. Its voice and approach promise to be like no other Religion text you've read. The book is the product of a two-year daily advisory program for Catholic schools that I conceived, designed and implemented. That program harnesses the profound truths of the Catholic faith to the powerful teaching metaphors of the Top 20 Teens

Curriculum and had a transforming effect on the middle school where it was piloted.

A teacher's manual for implementing *On the PATH* is in the works. In the meantime, I'm a budding blogger at onthepathbooks.com, and will use this space to bring together best practices, tips, and resources for implementing the books concepts. I'd love to get a conversation going with you and see where the Spirit leads in creating even stronger content and more compelling points of access for our students and children.

Presenter: Long ago I stopped counting the students who left my large group input sessions saying, quite ironically, "You should be a motivational speaker." I thank them for identifying the gifts I was given to serve God's will and design. That being said, I am a high-spirited and vibrant speaker and have enjoyed presenting to Catholic middle and high school students, to parent groups and Catholic faculties, and at several NCEA conventions. Like the Body of Christ, the synergy in the room during these presentations is awesome!

It would be an honor to help you kick off your program, support your present work, or help the Spirit stir up some passion for a deeper purpose in your school or institution. I'm available for student formation seminars and leadership training, retreats, youth rallies, faculty training days and retreats, and parent workshops. Is there something you are imagining that I haven't mentioned? Contact me at peg@onthepathbooks.com and we'll see what good work we can put together.

The best parts: I went on a blind date over 32 years ago and have been married to that handsome, faith-filled guy for 30 years. He and our three children have been the breeding ground, test market, and production facility for most all of my professional endeavors over the years. Their love and encouragement are the most precious of God's gifts to me.