

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY *for Teens* Sex IS in the Master Plan

God's Plan for Sex: PARENTS! It starts with YOU.

Sexuality matters concerning teenagers continue to attract much attention and debate in the Singapore media, online and in forums.

Parents, educationists and teenagers may be interested to know the current trends:

- ▲ *The Internet is fast-becoming a major influence on how teenagers view their sexuality. Virginity is even being hawked for sale online!**
- ▲ *Sexually transmitted infections among teenagers are on the rise. 791 teens were diagnosed with STIs at the DSC Clinic in Kelantan Lane in 2009 - more than three times the 238 cases in 2002.**
- ▲ *Unwanted teenage pregnancies also continue to rise.**

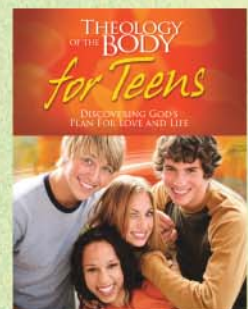
In the face of these challenges, where do we, as parents, stand? For some,

- ▲ *... sexuality is still a subject best left to the 'experts' - teachers, school counselors, health promotion agencies, or even the government!*
- ▲ *... there's just no time to sit down and talk to our teenage children when we have so much on our plate: a hectic work-life, the home front, social and health pursuits.*
- ▲ *... it's not a worry - things will work out fine in the end just as it did back in the 'good old days.'*

Fortunately, most parents do have a genuine interest in their children's sexuality. Most want to play a leading role in helping their teenage children cope with their body, relationships with the opposite sex, and ultimately, with God.

This September, one of the world's leading lights in teenage sexuality, Brian Butler, will be in town to share the Catholic Church's perspective on God, sex and teenagers. Brian is one of the authors of the best-selling book, ***Theology of the Body for Teens (TOB)***, a programme that is offered in Catholic churches and schools. TOB is based on a series of lectures by the late Pope John Paul II on the bodily dimension of the human person, the nature of human sexuality, the human need for communion and the nature of marriage.

Let Brian Butler and the ***Theology of the Body*** road map help you find the answers that you seek for the sometimes troubling questions that your teenage child may confront you about human sexuality, relationships and where God comes in.



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- Date: Friday, 10th September 2010. ■ Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm.
- Venue: Church of the Holy Spirit, 248 Upper Thomson Road, Singapore 574371.
- Ticket: \$22 per person. Call 6488 0278 to purchase your ticket.

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