



TOB CAMPUS • FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ANNUAL REPORT 2020

ORGANIZATION NAME: Corpus Christi Classical Academy **CITY:** Simpsonville
DIOCESE: Louisville **STATE:** Kentucky

Briefly describe what you have done this school year **TO DEEPEN THE IMMERSION OF TEACHERS AND STAFF IN TOB**

The teachers and staff received professional development prior to the start of the school year in Theology of the Body. We were blessed to be able to attend a live session on Theology of the Body with Christopher West at St. Patrick in Louisville to enrich our earlier training in TOB. We had weekly staff meetings throughout the year and follow up trainings on TOB were part of the normal course of these meetings.

In Addition, Ann Horn and I have carried the fruits of our training into our daily interactions with other faculty and students. Art projects were designed to demonstrate the Beauty of God's Creation and tie ins to TOB and curriculum were part of our interaction with teachers.

Briefly describe what you have done this school year **TO EDUCATE STUDENTS IN TOB IN EVERY GRADE**

From the Montessori to our High School, TOB is incorporated almost daily. The younger students line up as boys and girls. They learn the Creation Story and that all that God created was good. *Blueberries for Sal* is a utilized text. First grade recited the Prayer of the Holy Family on a daily basis and studied the beauty of creation and nature. They studied the critical thinking question "How can I provide beauty to the world and those around me?" In second grade, *Saint George* was read and the meanings behind it were discussed. In all the grades, the focus reiterated often was that we are all God's children and that makes us all brothers and sisters in Christ, all special and having great worth. The story of Adam and Eve was discussed in relation to sin and how it made us cover ourselves with clothes.

In the Sixth Grade, at the beginning of the year, the children thought of a gift-of-self to God that they then boxed up. At the end of the year, the students received their boxes back so they could reflect on their school year. At Christmas, students wrote affirming messages to each other. The *Sacred Flame* was studied covering Modesty and Chastity as well as saints who were role models. The History of Medicine was covered incorporating the rule to do no harm and the fact that God created forces of nature to help us. It is our role to discover these forces in nature and to use them properly.

In the Upper School, TOB was incorporated into every class from Religion, to Science, to Literature, to Mathematics. The ancient Greeks were studied along with the contrasts between how the ancient Greek heroes envisioned the human person and the Catholic Doctrine of the human person as sanctified and holy. We discussed the symmetry in creation, the beauty of the chemical formulas for photosynthesis and respiration, the Fibonacci sequence throughout nature, the synchronization of fireflies and the mathematics behind them. A mathematician was quoted who stated that no mathematics was invented, that it was always there in God's creation, and we do nothing but uncover His underlying Truth which has always been there. Another stated that mathematics was the language with which God wrote the universe. As we studied Cicero, we uncovered statements which related to TOB and echoed concepts from TOB.



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TO CREATIVELY PROMOTE TOB VISION AND CULTURE THROUGHOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

At the beginning of the school year, at our first all school meeting in the Chapel with the students, we introduced our new recognition as a Theology of the Body School. We set the expectation for all interactions to mirror the fruits of the Holy Spirit, a recognition of each of us as a special gift from God and all deserving respect and charity. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit were discussed and recited in the Chapel at least once each week throughout the school year. Each week, the importance of the human person (body and spirit) was reiterated. We talked about our need for relationship and the complementarity between man and woman. In Catholic Schools Week we made banners, one which read “Imago Dei” to reinforce that we are uniquely made in the Image of God and all have value, purpose, and worth. The Faculty studied together Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible to better understand the Timeline from creation to Jesus and our place in the story of Creation. We will be getting Catechist credit for this study.

Our School has a virtues program that has a three-year cycle. Each year has a broad theme, Faith, Hope, or Charity, with the year just ending having been Faith. The virtues highlighted this year were Faith, Reverence, Stewardship, Generosity, Gratitude, Honesty, Mercy, Justice, and Zeal. Each month of the school year, has a different virtue highlighted. Whenever a student or teacher is seen, exemplifying the virtue that month, a virtue card is written and each week the virtue cards were read to the entire school during one of our early morning Chapel gatherings and those showing the virtue were publicly acknowledged.

Please cite examples of INCREASES IN THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (CCC 1832: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control, Chastity) THAT HAVE BEEN WITNESSED WITHIN YOUR TOB CAMPUS (involving Staff, Teachers, Students, or Parents) THAT BEAR TESTIMONY TO YOUR EFFORTS.

As a teaching staff, we met weekly and shared our successes and disappointments. We shared the progress of our children and those deserving of (or in need of) affirmations. We engaged in exercises in which we “named” those outstanding virtues that each exemplified. We worked on working together as a staff in after school activities for the students. All of these brought us closer as a joy filled staff interacting with each other in gentle kindness. As a staff, we have become very close in our mission as Disciples of Christ. This has carried over to our students; students who had lack of patience last year, treated those around them with more charity and kindness this year. The tone of the school this year was one of joy in our interactions and in the Faith which we share.

“I chose you from the world, to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.”