

# APPENDIX 2

## PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

LEVEL I - JR. HIGH: TOB UNIT 5



### THEME: ORIGINAL UNITY

#### SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) unit, your child will dive deeply into the theme **Original Unity**. We will explore the second of the original experiences, “original unity.” In Adam’s encounter with Eve, he realizes that he does not contain in himself alone all of what it means to be human. In other words, to have a “complete” picture of humanity, you need both male and female. Adam and Eve are called to make a gift-of-self to establish a communion of persons in the image of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Your child will continue to study the second creation story in Gen 2:18-25 when, for the first time in the creation account, God calls something “not good.” God is speaking about a key part of what it means to be human: we are not meant to be alone. In the creation of Eve, Adam now has one who is like himself that shares the same human nature (unity), and yet she is distinct from him (difference).

As the unit unfolds, the class will participate in an activity that demonstrates that the difference between man and woman, as well as the uniqueness of each person, is good. Both Adam and Eve gain a better understanding of themselves when faced with the differences of the other. Both see what qualities they have, what the other has, and how the two can complement each other and work together.

#### GERMINATE THE SEED



#### FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Many times, there is negative competition between boys and girls. Originally (in the garden of Eden), there was no competition, but rather, harmony. In what areas of school or play do you experience negative competition and how could you work towards harmony?



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## GROW THE SEED



### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Biblical Characters — Work together by reading the following Scripture passages and list the special qualities and characteristics that each Biblical character demonstrates. Discuss the similarities and differences of male and female traits. *Joseph*—Mt. 2:13-14; *Stephen*— Acts 7:58-60; *Mary*— Lk 1:26-38; *Elizabeth*— Lk 1:39-45.

### FAMILY PRAYER:

Holy Family Prayer — JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Amen.

Sts. Vincent and Louisa, pray for us!

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