

Email received August 2008

Title: Thanks be to God for your ***Sexual Wisdom for Catholic Adolescents*** course

Dear Richard,

I wanted to let you know that I have a niece, who had just found herself getting into trouble. She is 15, and my brother is a nominal Catholic, and she had not been given very much direction. I took her to my office Friday, and I offered her a chance to file at \$7/hour, or to read your course, ***Sexual Wisdom for Catholic Adolescents***, at \$10/hour. She did a little filing, and then she found the middle section, because her other task, was to try to straighten out the course, which was kind of disorganized from downloading it, so she found only the middle part about relativism. She was reading and eating it up as if it was candy; she had never been exposed to this information. She took 10 pages of notes, and read it all back to me at the end of the day. She told me about the three types of Law, the four grades of happiness, and told me how AA uses a pattern of forgiveness like we have in our church in Confession. She was ecstatic that this, as she said, was very relevant information and it was made accessible to her. She recognized immediately that there was an objective truth of right and wrong, and she had never in her 15 years been exposed to the truth in such a succinct way, and as young innocent children seem to be able to do, she was extremely attracted to this foreign but true idea.

As we can see, grace was working here on so many levels, but I just really can't tell you how this little girl was touched by the truth that you bothered to make accessible to her, that no one else had.

I do believe God spoke to her, in a very profound way as she read through it, lesson after lesson, on Friday. She asked if I would please get her the entire course, so I then downloaded it for her right there. What a grace, because since she got in trouble she had the computer and phone taken away from her, and she ended up finding so much about a much, much better and dignified reality that is her inheritance from our God, passed on from people like you, in our church. Thank you. Thank you. I think we snatched another soul from the clutches of the devil.