

School Administrators and Book Review Boards

Re: Submission of "Quintessence...The Novel" for Ecclesiastical and Content Review

Dear Administrator,

I respectfully submit my Novel *Quintessence...A Spiritual Adventure!* for consideration and review/approval.

Quintessence...A Spiritual Adventure! is a faith-centered allegorical novel written primarily for high school-aged readers, and adults. The story follows three best friends from Highland Park, Michigan—one Black, one White, and one Latino. A very special day which will change their lives and warm your heart forever. After winning Scholarships to the International Arts Academy, they go to a neighborhood Park to celebrate. It's there, they reflect upon some of the challenges in their lives. They get depressed and fall asleep.

While sleeping the girls have a dream where they actually reach "Quintessence (Kwin-tes-sns) noun: **2) "the fifth element, above" Earth, Wind Fire and Water. The ethereal**". This is where our story takes place. It is here, where the girls meet nine unforgettable characters. All of them unique, and in their own way prolific. In that they represent the very essence of life itself! The girls meet Flame (The Soul), and six manifestations of the Soul. They also meet "The Body", and The spirit. Each of these characters are meaningful, provocative. And they all **are** Quintessence. **1) "anything in it's purest and most concentrated form"**. The conversations between these characters and the girls will have something to say to every age group. God's Word is carefully intertwined throughout and is the backbone for this Teaching Ministry, while being completely entertaining and fun. Kids/teens will love it! And the adults will be moved.

Available on Amazon-Quintessence-A Spiritual Adventure!

Quintessence. More than a book. It is an experience!

I should mention ***Quintessence...The Musical!*** came before this Novel was written and Published (February, 2026). It was successfully Produced to standing ovations in 1984 and 2010. The Official Premier will be in June, 2027. And as an additional consideration, we could Produce this Musical with and for the your School/s. I would love to discuss this possibility with you, as well.

The purpose of this work is to inspire young readers to explore Scripture, strengthen their relationship with God, appreciate diversity, and recognize the dignity and value of every human person. The novel seeks to present timeless Biblical principles through an engaging contemporary narrative that resonates with today's youth.

I am requesting guidance regarding the possibility of ecclesiastical and content review and any recommendations the you may have concerning the suitability of this work for Christian educational and youth ministry settings. It would be my privilege to have the manuscript evaluated for conformity with Christian teaching and values.

“Quintessence...A Spiritual Adventure!” is also a Fundraiser. We will donate \$5 per every sold copy to the Catholic Archdiocese.

Enclosed is a copy of the Novel for your edification and consideration.

Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to Christian education and evangelization. I would be honored to answer any questions or provide additional materials as needed.

Please go to our website: www.quintessencethemusical.com It will provide more detailed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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One-Page Catholic Educator's Guide

QUINTESSENCE...THE NOVEL

A Spiritual Adventure

Catholic Educator's Guide

Author: Clifford D. Robinson

Recommended Grade Levels:

9–12

Themes:

- Friendship and Loyalty
- Faith and Spiritual Growth
- Diversity and Human Dignity
- Compassion and Service
- Moral Decision-Making
- God's Presence in Everyday Life

Synopsis:

Three teenage best friends from Highland Park embark on a life-changing journey that challenges their assumptions, deepens their faith, and reveals profound spiritual truths. Through unexpected encounters and experiences, they discover that God works through ordinary people and extraordinary circumstances alike.

Connections to Catholic Teaching:

- The Dignity of the Human Person
- Love of Neighbor
- Unity Within Diversity
- The Call to Holiness
- Christian Friendship
- Stewardship and Service

Suggested Scripture Connections:

- Matthew 22:37–39 – The Greatest Commandment
- Micah 6:8 – Acting Justly and Walking Humbly
- John 13:34–35 – Love One Another
- Philippians 4:13 – Strength Through Christ
- Jeremiah 29:11 – God's Plan and Purpose

Discussion Questions:

1. How do the characters demonstrate Christian friendship?
2. What challenges test their faith throughout the story?
3. How does the novel illustrate God's presence in everyday life?
4. What lessons about diversity and inclusion can be learned from the characters' relationships?
5. How can students apply the story's themes in their own communities?

Service Learning Extension:

Students may develop a community service project focused on unity, friendship, or outreach to those in need, reflecting the values demonstrated in the novel.

Educational Value:

The novel encourages literacy, critical thinking, spiritual reflection, and discussion of faith-based values in a format accessible to modern teenagers.

Proposal Package for Catholic High Schools and Parish Youth Ministries

MISSION

To inspire young people through an engaging story that promotes faith, friendship, diversity, compassion, and spiritual growth while encouraging readers to deepen their understanding of Scripture and Christian living.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

For Students:

- Encourages reading and literacy
- Promotes positive values and character development
- Reinforces Biblical principles
- Supports diversity, unity, and mutual respect
- Stimulates meaningful discussion about faith

For Educators and Youth Leaders:

- Ready-to-use discussion questions
- Scripture-based learning opportunities
- Small-group discussion activities
- Character education applications
- Service-learning project possibilities

AVAILABLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

1. School-Wide Reading Program
Students read the novel individually or as a class assignment, followed by guided discussions and reflection activities.
2. Youth Ministry Book Study
Small-group sessions exploring themes of friendship, faith, purpose, and service.
3. Author Presentation
Interactive presentation by Clifford D. Robinson discussing:
 - The inspiration behind the novel
 - The writing process
 - Faith and storytelling
 - Character development
 - Question-and-answer session
4. Faith and Diversity Workshop
A facilitated discussion centered on Christian unity, cultural understanding, and community-building.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Students will:

- Strengthen critical-thinking skills
- Explore Biblical principles in contemporary contexts
- Develop greater appreciation for diversity
- Reflect on personal faith journeys
- Identify practical ways to serve others

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- Copies of the novel
- Educator discussion guide
- Student reflection worksheets
- Scripture reference guide
- Optional virtual or in-person author engagement

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"Quintessence...A Spiritual Adventure!" offers a unique opportunity to combine literacy, faith formation, and character development in a compelling story designed specifically to engage today's young readers.