

Teresa: I want to thank Thom Price from EWTN radio for passing along this great idea for this interview – this beautiful little Rosary book. It's a perfect size to throw in your briefcase or your purse and keep with you at all times. It's the Illustrated Rosary Page by Page and Bead by Bead with Scriptural References and our guest who edited and designed this beautiful little book is on the phone with us right now Gigi Bush Taylor. Gigi, good morning I love this book; its beautiful.

Gigi: Thank you Teresa. Good morning to you. I'm glad to be here.

Teresa: There is a special story behind this book regarding your son. Tell us about it.

Gigi: Well many years ago I had a little boy and he was born with many disabilities. He used a wheelchair for mobility and he was also nonverbal. That basically meant that he needed some sort of device to communicate with in order for us to understand what he wanted to say. We got him an augmentative communication device and which is much like a computer with talking software, almost, and I loaded it up with a lot of words so that he could communicate through the device. And what I found out that by programming in the Rosary into

his device helped him learn how to not only speak better but pray the Rosary through his communication device which was really quite remarkable when he was a little boy with very few words, if you will.

Teresa: Lets talk a little bit about the illustrations.

How did you come up with them?

Gigi: The book itself is a little 4 by 6 book and the nice thing that happens with it is it allows somebody like Will or someone who has said the Rosary for years to be able to know exactly what they're doing, have instant success, and to be able to pace themselves as they need to through their busy day. It

is a 4 by 6 book on a spiral bounding, little set up, that every single page has the illustration of a Rosary in it and per page, each page has a bead highlighted that you are going to pray for that particular page or particular bead. So, as you turn the page you actually know exactly where you are on your beads – because what I found out was, Teresa, is that so many people want and desire to pray the Rosary and they have it in their heart that they wish they could. A lot of us are hesitant about praying the Rosary and the three main objections that I have found out is that the first thing is that people don't have enough time to pray the Rosary and the second one is that

they are not quite sure about the order of the prayers.

The third thing is people are a little unsure how the

mysteries go and exactly where they are placed on

the beads and things like this. Now this book

eliminates all those objections. You immediately

know where you are in the Rosary, no matter where

you begin or where you stop. Which is so nice for

people like teachers, who are trying to integrate the

Rosary into their classroom. Sometimes kids act out

or whatever the reasons are and they need to stop

after perhaps praying 2 Hail Marys. This book

allows you to get through 2 Hail Marys perhaps and

then you turn the book back on itself and you can

have all the children put the books away in their desk and you can just pull them out the next day and say, ok you guys we're on page eleven. On page 11 they start with another Hail Mary. And it just allows flexibility in ways that have never been known before.

Teresa: So who's using this book? What have you found?

Gigi: Its really really interesting. After the book came out people started emailing me and telling me that there are so many different groups of people that like to use them like one guy um a Knight of Columbus who said we want to pray the Rosary 10

minutes before the meeting starts. Then he said most of the guys weren't showing up. He started asking the guys what was going on. What he found out was that even though the guys loved the Rosary and would pray the Rosary they were a little unsure about the Rosary. So, if you put several of these books just inside of the doorway – he said look you guys there are no more excuses come on and come in here so when Joe Larry and Sam come to the meeting they can take one of these books and look at their fellow Rosary prayer next to them and see that they are on page 26. They go to 26 and they join in at the Rosary right at that point. So, if they need to

announce the next mystery perhaps, they know exactly what to say and exactly what to do.

Teresa: And also if you don't have your Rosary with you, say, like your actual Rosary beads, you can use this.

Gigi: You can! And that makes it really nice for people who are sales people on the road, or mothers driving car pools or things like that because at a stop light you pull it out and say two Hail Marys with your family, throw it back in the console afterwards and then say 2 more Hail Marys later. I mean its just a wonderful tool. I have to tell you this teacher who um teaches Kindergarden – She told me that she

loves these books because she likes to give her little Kindergardeners little certificates at the end of the year for things they've accomplished and things like that. Through this book they have been able to page by page go through a Rosary so that at the end of their Kindergarden year they give out little certificates the kids that say I've completed a Rosary and their parents are delighted!

Teresa: Amen to that. How can we get the books before we wrap up?

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