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Dear Michael,

What a treat it's been to review and learn from this book: In The Hospital has been a delight to use over the past few weeks. I'm not often called to visit children in the hospital, but I've often felt uncomfortable and unsure of myself when doing so. Now, after reading this book, I feel I'm ready for almost any pastoral calls with children that may come my way.

Peter Alsop and Bill Harley have shown a lot of wisdom and grace in the way they've put this book together, and in the manner with which they have provided so many useful tools for working with children in difficult situations. I dare say that the information they provide could be used in almost any situation in which children are involved.

This book is not a book that only helping professionals would learn from, but would also be useful for parents and family members who need assistance to discuss the difficult issues of health that confront so many of us, such as dying, sleeping difficulties, and getting back into life when something catastrophic has happened to us or those we know and love.

Thank you for letting me know about this book. I heartily recommend it to caring professionals and parents alike. Alsop and Harley have given us a lot to chew on, and some wonderful stories to share with the children who are a part of our lives.

Peace & Blessings,



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*... to love and serve others ... to live with respect in Creation ... to seek justice and resist evil ...  
... to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope ...*