

TOB Monthly ISSUE 8

Dear primary educator of your child
(that's YOU ... the parent!),

ABOUT TOB MONTHLY

Welcome to **TOB Monthly**: an 8-issue mini-magazine that is interactive between parent + child, and between child + material. We are thrilled you are here to embrace your God-given right + responsibility as primary educator of your child!

TOB Monthly is based on 12 Christian anthropology standards derived from Saint John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' (100+ talks on human personhood). The structure of the magazine introduces key Catholic concepts of personhood, but leaves you in control of guiding the conversations to fruition based on your individual child's maturity and readiness. Please preview each issue first.

IN THIS ISSUE

Standard: **WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE LOVE IN MARRIAGE OR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Focus: **Discernment for a future spouse and career can be exciting and should be deliberate**

Marriage? Single life? Priesthood? Kids? No kids? Adopt? Foster? 1 kid? 8 kids? Young adults are faced with almost endless choices for their future, and this list doesn't even explore careers! It can be extremely helpful to learn the Catholic perspective on parenthood and know that we are *all* called to be parents; physical and/or spiritual. The path may look very different for each one of us, but knowing that God has written either 'mother' or 'father' on our hearts, helps us know in which general direction we should orient our future. Genesis calls us to be fruitful and multiply... what an exciting opportunity to explore what this openness to life might mean in your child's life.

Another helpful tidbit is that we are also all called to be chaste. Priests are chaste in celibacy. Single people are also called to chastity. Even married couples are called to chastity in their mutual dignity and respect of each other's sexuality and personhood. Our culture is saturated with sex and impurity. TOB helps us discern a chaste integration of our sexuality in our role as physical (or spiritual) mother or father.

We're rooting for you!

For Love of God, Body + Soul,
Your TOB Monthly Team