

# TOB Monthly ISSUE 2

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:** **PEOPLE ARE ORDERED DIFFERENTLY FROM  
(AND ABOVE) ANIMALS AND PLANTS**

**Focus:** **every body has purpose and design**

With so many causes fighting for our attention, it is hard to know where to invest our efforts. Hunger. Pet shelters. The environment. Disease. The list is endless. Our Catholic faith reminds us that we are called to offer relief to human suffering first and foremost. Humans, unlike any other species, are persons created in God's image and likeness... humans have a soul that we should care for with an eternal perspective.

Just like human suffering can never be on par with animal or plant suffering, the human experience is not equal to the experience of being an animal or a plant. Lacking an eternal soul, animals and plants by nature lack the moral compass that makes a human able to communicate with God, and to grow in virtue.

Distinguishing people from other forms of life, and the plight of human suffering from other types of suffering, helps children revere people as God intends.

We're rooting for you!

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