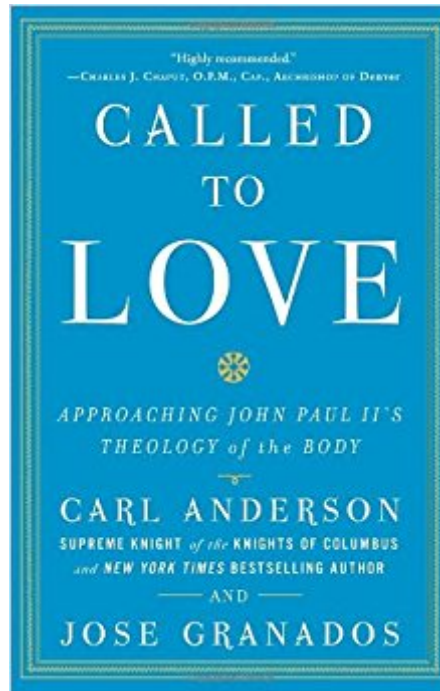




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# Called To Love: Approaching John Paul II's Theology Of The Body



## Synopsis

A thoughtful, accessible work on the beauty of love and the splendor of the body, inspired by Pope John Paul II. Christianity has long been regarded as viewing the body as a threat to a person's spiritual nature and of denying its sexual dimension. In 1979, Pope John Paul II departed from this traditional dichotomy and offered an integrated vision of the human body and soul. In a series of talks that came to be known as "the theology of the body," he explained the divine meaning of human sexuality and why the body provides answers to fundamental questions about our lives. In *Called to Love*, Carl Anderson, chairman of the world's largest catholic service organization, and Fr. Jose Granados discuss the philosophical and religious significance of "the theology of the body" in language at once poetic and profound. As they explain, the body speaks of God, it reveals His goodness, and it also speaks of men and women and their vocation to love. *Called to Love* brings to life the tremendous gift John Paul II bestowed on humanity and gives readers a new understanding of the Christian way of love and how to embrace it fully in their lives.

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"Carl Anderson and Father Jos   Granados write with a clarity, beauty, and intelligence that make these pages a joy to read. But it's the content that makes this book so important. In a culture that increasingly devalues human life, this is a compelling, wonderfully readable reflection on "the theology of the body" and the meaning of human love and sexuality. I highly recommend it."

—The Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia

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I have read many books and listened to many CDs regarding Theology of the Body from Christopher West and others. This CD set blows the others out of the water in its clarity, depth and comprehensiveness. The authors do a stupendous job of explaining a very complicated "Theology of the Body" with many examples especially from JP II's play "The Jeweler's Shop". This book/CD makes JP II's "Theology of the Body" come alive in power and depth. If you have any interest in JP II's "Theology of the Body", this is the best and most profound resource I have found. I can't recommend it highly enough especially given the scarcity of quality material on this powerful and profound theology. I am studying for a Doctorate in Ministry and I can tell you that you don't have to have a graduate degree to understand this but if you did have a graduate degree you would appreciate the depth of JP II's theology and recognize that you need to find a way to incorporate it into your professional work or research. - Keepin' It Real

After reading the TOB and hearing Christopher West and Jason Evert through the years, I was not expecting to find such refreshingly new insight into the Theology of the Body. If you are looking for a probing and thoughtful analysis of the TOB, this book should be in your top 5 (along with Saint Thomas' articles in the Summa regarding the soul's relation to the body). It does \*not\* provide a cursory summary of TOB, nor does it take the counter-puritan approach of Christopher West. Instead, it seems to span more broadly, helping us to shift our entire way of seeing the world. As Fr. Thomas Loya often says (who himself is a wonderful proponent of TOB), this is more about rediscovering a truly sacramental worldview; a Catholic ethos; the way of interfacing with the world that God intended for us, but we somehow lost along the way.

I started reading this book because a friend of mine had such a transformation in her life, going from promiscuous to joyfully chaste as a result of a slight study of Theology of the Body. Expecting a discourse on why we are not to have sex before marriage, I have been shocked at the journey God

has me on to discovering His deep Father's love for all of us, and the dignity that love imbeds into my being. This book is rich, deep, insightful, and poetic. The author uses amazing word pictures. I can see the gospel according to the yelling evangelists from the Protestant Church was not, in fact, the whole or true gospel. We were brought forth to know Him, to love Him, to be known by and loved by Him. We got entangled in sin and Jesus Christ comes to free us from original sin to return us to Original Innocence, Solitude and Unity- all places of loving Him and being in AWE of His faithful care. This is THE BOOK OF BOOKS if you want to grow closer to Christ and those around your life.

One of my favorite books. I greatly recommend it if you are searching for a greater understanding of love and how to love.

It is an outstanding summary of an essential topic for our time. I strongly recommend it.

Well written and inspiring.

I've been studying theology of the body for two years and this book taught me more than I could have picked up on my own.

Good overview of JP II Theology of the Body. Easy read and well done.

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