

From beginning to end, the sacred Scriptures testify that the human person is God's "masterpiece," his greatest work. In the poetry of the Psalms, we hear the sense of wonder at humanity's place in creation:

When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars that you established —
What is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him little less than God,
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over
the works of your hands,
you have put all things under his feet ... (Psalm 8)

Sending his own Son into the world, God fulfills the "Fatherly instruction" that he began from the moment of creation. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ reveals once for all the sanctity, dignity, and great calling of the human person.

This is something we cannot reflect on enough. We worship a God who loves us so much that he enters the world as each one of us did, in the womb of a mother, and experiences all the humble realities of our human existence — birth, childhood, family, work, friendship.