

PASTOR'S COLUMN—FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

There can be some confusion about our humanity being created in God's image and likeness and the divine presence in us through Jesus. They are not opposed to each other but rather Jesus reaffirms and amplifies our being God's image and likeness in the world. Jesus is born into our humanity on Christmas to enhance our human dignity and respect. Jesus saves our humanity by bringing us Holy Communion with the divine in our flesh and blood humanity. There is no division between the human and the divine. That's the Good News! God is one with humanity, period.

Because we are God's highest creatures, we have a major stewardship responsibility to take care of the rest of creation. We are to use creation in ways that affirm the dignity and respect for all humans. Hoarding or wasting creation is to be avoided and generous sharing is to be our God-focus.

Our Creator God gets to the heart of humanity through His Son, Jesus. Although we are created in God's image and likeness, what takes our humanity to the eternal level is our savior Jesus who frees us up from thinking that the divine is in conflict with the human. Holy Communion with Jesus is at the heart of our humanity and is in concert with the divine.

In God's Oneness,

Fr. Terry