

Imago Dei

(Image of God)

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God said, “Let us make humankind in our image according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” Genesis 1:26

According to verse 26 from the book of Genesis, let us recollect God’s abundant grace on us by creating all of us His own image and likeness. He gave us power to rule over his creatures. Though first parents of ours had committed sin, God used the theory of atonement by sending His own son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sins. He lived, endured passion, death and resurrection. Jesus Christ fulfilled his Father’s mission and left us behind to continue his mission according to the vision of our founder and foundress. As we are the image and likeness of God, let us respect and help our fellow brothers and sisters in the community. Jesus is our role model to live and lead like Him being as Christian and follower of his mission here on this earth.

Everyone is created and everyone is different in personality, behavior, talents, abilities and so on... We could compare with Jesus’ life as he chose 12 disciples who were entirely different but they all lived under one roof by understanding, loving, serving and doing the mission of Jesus. As St. Mother Teresa told once in her speech that. “Charity begins at home.” Let us start loving our brothers and sisters in our community so that this kind of attitude will help us to love the poor in the society.

In our communities, we need to teach to the future generations Jesus’ values and principles as we are all called to serve the humanity by an exemplary life style? One of the Jesus’ values is, “love one another and forgive your enemy.” When we are forgiven or loved by God, likewise we should love our brothers and sisters, so that our God who is unseen will reward us at the end of our life. Therefore, let us love and serve our brothers and sisters open heartedly wherever we are placed or moved. Let us start extending our help to the poor and downtrodden who are waiting for our help. As we march forward let the Holy Spirit will inspire us to live and lead like Jesus to enlighten people of this world.