

# PERSONHOOD: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

*Each one of us has tremendous dignity because each of us is created in the image of God. We are more than a mass of cells reacting to environmental stimuli.*

## SUNDAY MASS HOMILY POINTS - CYCLE C

### *Baptism of the Lord*

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- Human dignity is rooted in the reality that all human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. God is indeed "well pleased" in making us his sons and daughters for he gave us his Spirit to sustain us and give us life. Through the Spirit of adoption we can call God "Father," which is "Abba." Knowing who we are and *whose* we are teaches us to reverence the sanctity of all human life in all stages and conditions.

### *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19: "The word of the Lord came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."

- God's plan is constantly unfolding. We can take heart in knowing that God calls each of us by name and has a desire for us to fulfill His purpose. Being open to that purpose in every person and trusting in God's plan is a part of our own witness to the marvels of God

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

John 10:27-30: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

- God made us for eternity. All of humanity is called to recognize the inherent dignity of every human person.