

Nobody is a copy - each person is an original being



PRAY

Good God, you love every single man like the apple of your eye. You gave me and every other man a part of your uniqueness. There are millions of people, and you, o God, you did not even once repeat yourself. This is so beautiful! Let me be astonished again about every single man being a unique original - made by God.
Amen.



CONTEMPLATE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.
Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*



STUDY

1. Read DOCAT text sentence-for-sentence. Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).



DISCUSS

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*



CHALLENGE

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Is 43:1

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.

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What do we mean when we speak about a person?

With the word "person" we express the fact that every human being has an inviolable dignity. Man was created in God's image (→ imago dei) (Gen 1:27). So he is the one creature of God that represents the Creator himself in creation. He is "the only creature on earth that God willed for its own sake" (GS 24). As a person created by God, a human being is not something, but rather someone and hence uniquely valuable. As a person, a human being is capable of selfknowledge and reflection on himself, of making free decisions and entering into community with others. And he is called to respond to God in faith. The fact that he is made in God's image and likeness therefore means also that a human being always remains related to God and can develop his full personal potential only in God.

1. The social sin against the principle of human dignity consists in destroying the life and dignity of any individual man. Why is the social teaching considering first the integrity of any individual person and then the society?
2. What is the difference between the „dignity“ given by God and the „value“ we attribute ourselves?
3. What does it mean that men have a face? What did the philosopher Emmanuel Levinas mean by saying that a man having a face was synonymous to „You will not commit any murder“?
4. Where do you see this happening in your town, village, country, that people are being deprived of their face, dignity or life chances?

When you leave your house next week, rub your eyes every day (you can use holy water) and thus become aware that you want to look at every single person encountered that day by the loving eyes of Jesus.

Do you accept this challenge?

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