

The Image of God

Imago Dei

Imago Dei, which is Latin, refers to: the human person is made in the image and likeness of God.

Read Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said,

“Let us make _____ in our _____, according to our _____;

and let them have dominion over the _____ of the sea, and over the _____ of the air, and over the _____, and over all the wild animals of the _____, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

God created humankind in his image, in the image of _____ he created them; he created them _____ and _____.

BIRDS CATTLE EARTH FEMALE FISH GOD HUMANKIND
IMAGE LIKENESS MALE

What does it mean to say we are created “in God’s image”?

“As humans we have been endowed with a spirit. This characteristic unites us with God.”

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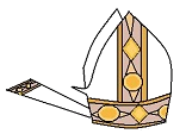
Humankind occupies a unique place in creation:

- he/she is "in the image of God"
- he/she unites in his nature both the spiritual and material worlds
- he/she is created "male and female"
- he/she enjoys a friendship with God.

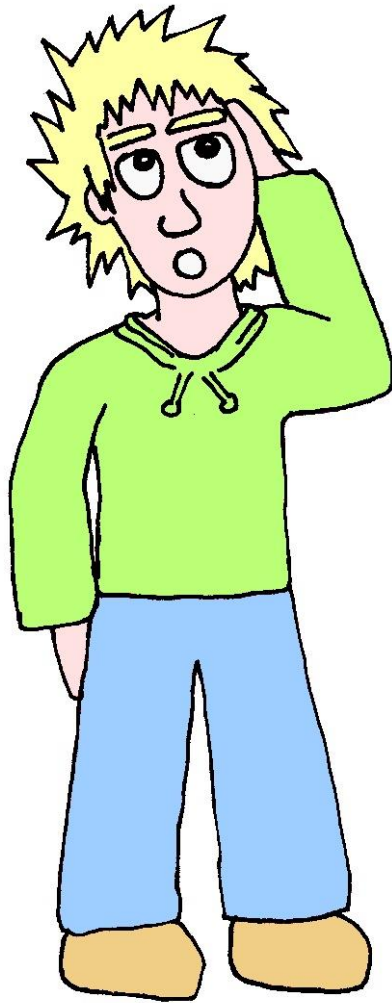
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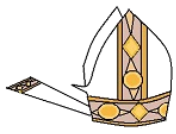
Being in God's image makes the individual a person, a "someone" and not a "something." He is capable of self-knowledge and of having friendships with other persons. He is called into a Covenant with God and can make a response of love not known by any other creature.

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How does being created in God's Image challenge us, as Christians?





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Then 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 the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27

How does being created in God's Image challenge us, as Christians?

Examples:

Treat people and the environment with dignity and respect

Value the place of human life

Caring for those less fortunate

Working towards a just and fair world

Etc.