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Mary Christine Morkovsky, CDP

God's greatest gift to us is our human freedom. We first learned to exercise it when, as children, we were taught right from wrong. We learned that justice is intrinsically connected with respecting the dignity and the human rights of others. All human beings share this precious gift, because we are created in the image of God.

Advent is a good time to reflect on how Jesus, while retaining his divinity, freely chose to take on a human form to reveal God's love and compassion.

We contemplate the power of God's creativity in us and how we empower others to live up to their potential. Like Jesus we spend ourselves in order to improve the quality of life for others.

As women of Providence, we have freely chosen to be members of religious communities which call us forth to be creative with our diverse gifts and talents. We follow Jesus' way of service to others by engaging in good works which build up individuals, families, and peoples of diverse cultural backgrounds, languages, and religions.

"...by our deepest freedom we participate in God's own creativity." This means that we participate in God's own creative work in our world today by our educating others, being a voice for the voiceless, welcoming the immigrants, healing the wounds of sickness and abuse, standing in solidarity with the poor, defending our human rights and the rights of our less fortunate brothers and sisters, comforting those in prison, and giving witness to God's infinite love and compassion.

Come, Lord Jesus, and fill us with your spirit of creativity!

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