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If we look at the story of Earth's evolution, it's hard to deny the possibility of anything; again and again, what should be impossible becomes real.

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women of Providence we have experienced and have come to know that our God is a God of abundant possibilities. We hear Jesus say that "...for God, all things are possible." (Mt 19:26). John Martin Moye, founder of the Texas and Kentucky Sisters of Divine Providence, reminds us of this truth when he says that "God who is all powerful has a thousand means, a thousand ways to accomplish" what is God's desire.

As we observe the marvels of our universe and of the earth itself, we come to better understand this truth. We are invited again and again to ponder on the vastness of God's creation and to stand in wonder and awe.

During this time of Advent we are particularly being invited to reflect on the miracle of all miracles – the wonder of God's Son coming to dwell among us. What could have been more wonderful or more impossible than our God coming to live as one of us, willing to give his life that we might become more fully alive?

We can say with Mary, "How is this possible?" How is it possible that our God, who is creator of all, would choose to come to us as a small child, so very dependent on his human family to love and care for him? What seems impossible becomes real for a God who loves so much that God is willing to spend a lifetime teaching and showing us what that love means.

Surely, each one of us has experienced the wonderful works of God – the miracles of Providence – in our own lives. What impossible events or unexpected graces have I received? What are some of those miracles of Providence that have touched my life?

We may want to make a list of these graced moments. . . and then send thank-you notes to those who played a part in mediating God's grace to us.

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