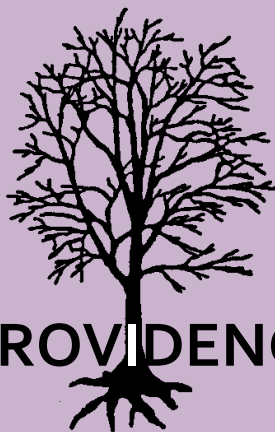




Advent 2016



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“We have come to understand Providence as the creative, unfolding Energy of Love calling us into being, sustaining, nourishing, challenging, and luring all creation toward its final fulfillment.” — Marie McCarthy, SP

Several years ago I read “Meditation with Meister Eckhart” but one passage comes back to me year after year during Advent as I reflect on the incarnation of Jesus. He said “...humanity, and not Bethlehem is the true birthplace of God...for we are all meant to be mothers of God...What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I also do not give birth to him in my time and my culture? This, then, is the fullness of time, when the Son of God is begotten in us.”

God’s Word became incarnate to show us how to live, to show us how to be more God-like, to be God’s face and to reflect God’s love to others. God calls us to love by reaching out to the poor, the vulnerable, and the voiceless, and to be Love’s living temple here on earth. God calls us beloved and calls us to become co-creators with Love here on earth.

During this Advent season, you might ask yourself how God is challenging you to give birth to the Son of God in your time and in your culture, in your Congregation, in your ministry, in your family, in your parish, and in your relationships so as to build the kingdom of Love. You might also ask yourself how you have been the face of God in meeting the needs of the poor and vulnerable and how have you been speaking out for justice when injustice is apparent.

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