

Animating Advent



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 24, 2017

Gospel: [Luke 1:26–38](#)

*Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”
(Luke 1:38)*

Reading the story of the annunciation, I ponder the question: How did Mary find the strength and freedom to accept such a request? The answer lies in her humility, the ability to see and accept the truth about herself and about God’s call. “The Sister of St. Joseph moves, works in humility.”

Personal reflection

- What truth have I recently learned about myself?
- How do I feel about this new found knowledge?
- What response, what ‘fiat’ does it demand?

Widening my reflection

[Our Consensus Statement](#) says, “The Sister of St. Joseph moves... in humility – the Spirit of the Incarnate Word.” John Pierre Medaille called us his “Little Design.”

- How can becoming smaller make us stronger?
- What freedom does it give us?

Mantra from the [Acts of Chapter 2013](#):

*Breathing in and breathing out unifying love—our charism, our mission—
we participate in the Mystery of Transformation.*

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