

## Embracing All

You may often hear that we are called to unity, to compassion, to solidarity and brotherhood among all of mankind. So how does one go about living this call?

**“Jesus does not look at reality from the outside, without letting himself be moved, as if he were taking a picture. He lets himself get involved. This kind of compassion is needed today to conquer the globalization of indifference. This kind of regard is needed when we find ourselves in front of a poor person, an outcast, or a sinner. This is the compassion that nourishes the awareness that we, too, are sinners.”**

**Pope Francis**

**“I think we should all be tolerant of each other and embrace each others' strengths and differences and uniqueness and beauty.” Martina McBride**

If we stop to look beyond the scope of our own world, and gaze into the eyes of humanity we will find the fullest and truest reality. We are often blinded by our own self, in our wants, desires, weakness, etc... It is when we look past ourselves we are awe struck by the beauty that lies before us in the soul of humanity.

**“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

As humans we are far from perfect, yet when we love the way that God loves, when we embrace all people with sincerity and wonder; then perfection becomes a reality through the voice of God's love. To embrace someone is to hold them in their current state of life, not in spite of their faults and sins, but because we are faultily and sinners as well. Humanity is known by our embrace, the way we embrace all with the love of Christ.

**“Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!**

**Pope Francis [Bull of Indiction for the Year of Mercy]**

*Father of mercy,  
teach me to embrace all, the way You embrace me...  
inspire me to be kind, to love all without distinction...  
excavate the depths of my heart, to create a space where all of humanity may dwell.. I ask this through Christ, our Savior. AMEN*