

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

“I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.” Recognising God’s action in our lives, as Zechariah has done as well as the neighbors and relatives of Zechariah and Elizabeth, is the way of life of the Christian. John the Baptist is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s words we hear in the first reading: “For now the Lord has spoken, who formed me as his servant from the womb.” His holy humility attracted people to him, and thus brought authenticity to his mission, as Paul recounts in today’s second reading from the Acts of the Apostles: “John heralded [Jesus’] coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’” May “the hand of the Lord” be with us!

God Love You!

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The Equality Act

Religious Freedom Week 2021: June 24

Pray that the dignity of all people will be respected in our country.

Reflect

Every human person is made in God's image and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. That means we need to honor every person’s right to gainful and decent employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive. The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria from discrimination in these and other areas. But at the core of the Equality Act is the codification of the new ideology of “gender” in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting “gender” as only a social construct. As Pope Francis has reflected, “It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality.” By requiring all Americans to speak and act as if there is no meaningful distinction between the sexes and as if gender has no connection to the body, [the Equality Act legally and socially harms Americans in serious ways](#) and injures the common good.

Act

The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and, by including a potential abortion mandate, threatens unborn life. [Tell your elected officials to oppose it!](#)