

“The doctrine of Providence is said to grow out of a personal experience of being unconditionally loved by God. How do we express our experience of unconditional love?”

– Christine Morkovsky, CDP

Lent is a time in which the Church, in her wisdom, gives us the opportunity to be mindful of God’s great love for us. God manifested His love by giving us His only son. Jesus showed us what this love entails — a suffering, a death, but also new life. God’s love touched, healed and transformed people who were open to receive His love.

Love comes in different forms — a simple smile, a helping hand, a word of encouragement, forgiveness, presence, an invitation to growth, nature, and the list goes on. In Angeles Arrien’s words: “Love is the most potent healing force that we have on this planet and the greatest remorse that we have as human beings is love unexpressed.” This love invites us to be providence to the marginalized, the oppressed, to the “least” in the eyes of society. It calls us to love and see with the eyes of care and compassion. In the words of our foundress, Sister Benita Vermeersch, CDP, “I am giving you the opportunity to do good.” This Lenten season, we are given the opportunity to love and do good to others. May God’s Provident love, manifested through us, bring healing to others and we not experience the remorse of love unexpressed.

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