



XVI AMASC WORLD CONGRESS-MÉRIDA 2018
THEME OF STUDY: THE CALLS OF THE 2016 GENERAL CHAPTER
CARD 1. LIVE MORE HUMANELY

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1-14)



To believe in the incarnation refers us to the most incredible event in history: God decided to come live among us, to become human. He became flesh and bone, with all the glory and weaknesses that it entails. The signal to recognize Him is disconcerting: a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

We do not always like what is human. We have turned it into a sign of weakness, of failure. To God, though, being “human” did not seem insignificant, but rather quite the opposite. He became flesh, body, a baby. As an adult, his way of being would show us the true face of God.

The charism of Madeleine Sophie, “union and conformity with the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” is precisely that: to learn from Jesus what it means to be truly human. To learn from his heart so that our attitudes, feelings, and choices become more aligned with his.

In the 2016 General Chapter, the Religious of the Sacred Heart expressed this call in the following way:

Live more humanely:

In the radical style of Jesus of Nazareth, we wish to be in closer relationship as sisters with one another and with others; we wish to be simpler, more human and closer to people and their experience, in order to show forth the joyful and compassionate face of God and to be at the service of Life, wherever we are sent.

- What does being more human mean to you?
- What images come to mind when you hear the words simplicity, closeness, joy, compassion?