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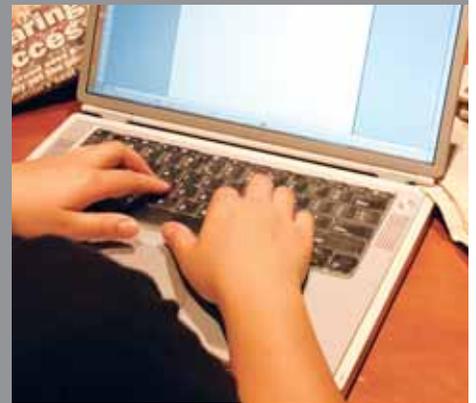
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I am a Catholic writer because this very notion ... so astonishes me that I can't help but bring it to every story I tell. What makes me a Catholic writer is that the faith I profess contends that out of love — love — for such troubled, flawed, struggling human beings, the Creator became flesh so that we, every one of us, would not perish.

Alice MacDermott



Pope Francis says you must go out to the fringe of life and see what is going on. You should not wait for the world to come to you. He doesn't see the poor as people he can help. But rather as people from whom he can learn. He believes the poor are closer to God than the rest of us; they have a very personal experience of him.

Fr Guillermo Marco,
Press spokesman for
the then Bishop Bergoglio



Jesus tells us in the Gospel that we will be known by the fruits of our work. We can talk a good game, but people will know who we are by what we do.

Jeffrey Duaine CSSp

God comes through the human — and we don't like that. We like God to come as our idea of God.

Ruth Burrows
(Sister Rachel, Carmelite)



When we serve and help others, our generosity leaves traces in our personality which can be a factor in our future decisions. These traces of generosity leave their mark on the personality of givers, which remain with them as they live out their beliefs. Thus, giving does not simply affect the recipient, but also affects the person who gives.

Mark and Louise Zwick