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But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. - Amos 5:24

Today, with the signing of the Respect for Marriage Act, we in the American National Catholic Church can rejoice that we have come a little closer to the proposition that all people are created equal.

The American National Catholic Church teaches, with the Church Catholic, that we are all created in the Image of God, and by virtue of that divine image each person is endowed with an intrinsic human dignity. What flows from this foundational understanding of the nature of our humanity is an invitation for all people to participate fully and safely in the Church and society. The American National Catholic Church has intentionally interpreted the Church's teaching on the dignity of the human person as an implicit command of Christ to invite our LGBTQIA sisters and brothers into full participation in the sacramental life of the Church, along with all of those who enjoy inter-racial marriages. The legal protection given in the Respect for Marriage law aids the Christian community in moving toward the reality of justice for all.