



fully human  
the special call of special needs

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, [there is no longer abled or disabled]\*; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)*

Our brothers and sisters before God (even if you prefer not to think so) who share the same nature with us, who have been put together from the same clay from which we first came, who are strung together with nerves and bones in the same way we are, who have put on flesh and skin like all of us... [having the]\* image of God in the same way you and I have, and perhaps preserve that image better than we...They have put on the same Christ in the inner person, and have been entrusted with the same pledge of the Spirit; they share in the same laws..., the same Scriptural teachings, the same covenants and liturgical gatherings, the same sacraments, the same hopes. Christ died for them as he did for us, taking away the sin of the whole world...they have been buried together with Christ, and have risen with him; if they suffer with him, it is so they may share in his glory. ~ *St Gregory the Theologian*

\*Words in brackets are added for emphasis and not original to the quotations.