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Fragment of documents of the Church to deepen the human person

Although the term person does not appear as such in the Scriptures, the notion is of Judeo-Christian matrix and contains the essentials of biblical anthropology: it is about man as being indivisibly corporeal and spiritual (*corpore et anima unus*, GS 14); created in the image of God, that is, endowed with intelligence, free will, and ability to relate to others and God. The character of a person makes man unique and unrepeatable and fills him with dignity. He is the only "terrestrial creature that God has loved for himself" (GS 24). Being God's love and even tri-personal, the theomorphic nature of the person means that it cannot be "realized" fully but through a sincere gift of herself "(*ibid.*) The uniqueness of the human person has its foundation in the oneness of the only begotten Son of God, true and perfect image of God (see Col 1,15).