

A very Franciscan Christmas

CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR LONG

Christmas is every day, all year long!

The Franciscan understanding of Christmas is that God is permanently incarnated, committed in flesh in human history, in our individual lives. The Incarnation was not simply for a moment in the past, but for now— always and forever. ... The Incarnation is continuing in history!

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For those who celebrate Christmas, the best gift we can give others – whatever their faith or philosophy may be – is a simple question asked with heartfelt intent: what good works wait to be born in us, and how can we love one another in ways that midwife their incarnation?

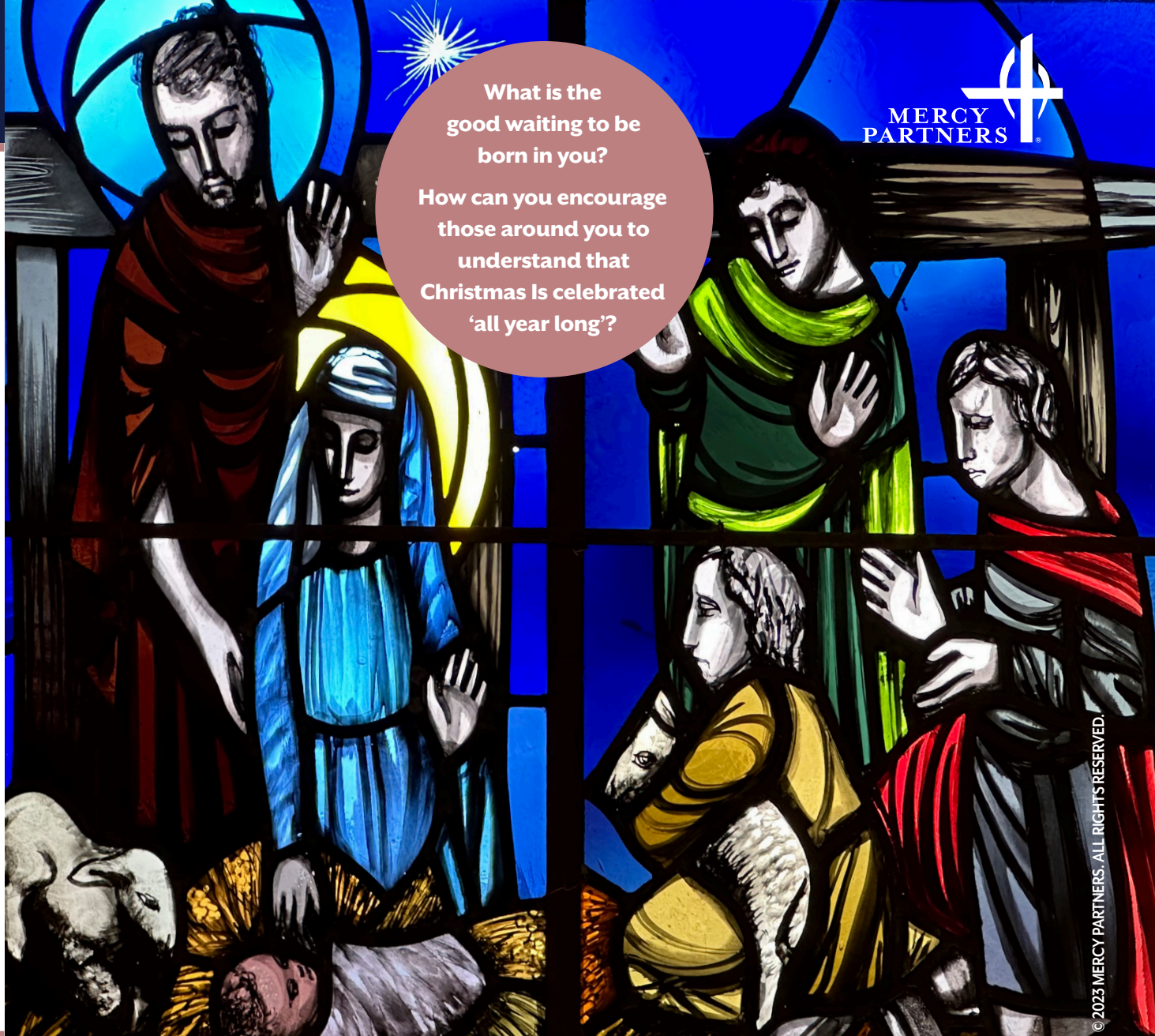
(Excerpt from <https://onbeing.org/blog/the-risk-of-incarnation-a-christmas-meditation/>)

Like the artist who looks at the marble and sees the hidden angel ... you are thus, the revealers, the midwives of the presence of God already hidden in ... the world

(Daniel O'Leary. 2017. 144).

What is the good waiting to be born in you?

How can you encourage those around you to understand that Christmas Is celebrated 'all year long'?



Holy One, Essence of Kindness

As we journey through this Advent Season inspire us to be bearers of love, through our messages of hope, our shared smiles, our generosity our forgiving hearts, our listening ears and our words of understanding. Help us to be living signs of your love dwelling amongst us. Amen

(Adapted from: Joyce Rupp. *Return to the Root*. 2021. 225).