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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I place the figures reverently into the Creche this morning, I meditated and became aware of something I never noticed before.

God was very deliberate as to whom were invited to witness and experience the Joy of the birth of the dear King of Kings.

Joseph: A man who desperately tried to provide for his family and was rejected time after time. He accepted substandard living as the best he could do.

Mary: An unwed mother to be

Shepherds: The poor whose jobs kept them away from their families and were considered lower than most people

Magi: Emigrants

Angels: Heavenly officials attesting to the Glory of the Newborn

Animals:

- The **ox** symbolizes strength and provision
- The **donkey** represents humility and peace.
- Other animals, such as sheep, camels, cows, and elephants, were added later to nativity scene representing God's abundant Creation

Reflection

If you were to be added to the Creche, what would you represent?

Pax et Bonum

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