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We trouble makers need a peace maker from the moment of conception. On the Annunciation of our Lord (March 25), we celebrate the fact that we have one. Nine months before Christmas we are reminded that Jesus was conceived in the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit—a holy conception, a holy Child with a holy mission. On the cross, Jesus’ suffering and death would make peace with God on behalf of the trouble makers.

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross” (Colossians 1:19-20 NIV).

In the midst of Lent, we are reminded that the path to the cross did not start in a manger but in a fallopian tube. In the midst of Lent, we are reminded that we have a Peace Maker who took our place from the moment of conception. In the midst of Lent we are reminded of the great value God gives to life from the moment of conception.

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