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Man and woman are the same in God’s sight in their dignity as persons. God creates a human being, not in the abstract, but as either a man or a woman. And he creates human beings in such a way that men and women are fundamentally meant for each other and need one another, without one sex dominating or marginalizing the other (machismo, radical feminism). Therefore, to be a man or a woman means more than to assume a particular role. From the Christian perspective, man and woman in a loving relationship manifest the communion of persons in God.

Gen 2:18
The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him."

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