

Homily of Trinity Sunday, Year B

In the Gospel, when Jesus was about to ascend to heaven, he authorized his apostles to baptize in the name of the Trinity. He said to them, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These words of Jesus authorize us, his followers, to do everything in the name of the Trinity. That is why all our prayers begin and end in the name of the Trinity.

The Sign of the Cross which invokes the Trinity was a sign language for the early Christian believers, especially during the persecutions as a way of identifying one another. Later, the Church developed it to become a prayer. The Sign of the Cross is, therefore, an identity and a prayer. We are encouraged to pray it and sign ourselves with understanding, conviction and faith.

The Trinity is one of the most important mysteries in Christianity. Thus, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three persons, but one nature, one God, equal, undivided, and no separation. We are not invited to fully understand the dogma because it is a mystery. We are, rather, invited to participate in the way of the Trinity. The way of the Trinity is oneness. Any family, church, community, organization, or country that walks in the way of the Trinity will experience unity, peace, and progress. The crises we have everywhere is because of human beings' rejection of the way of the Trinity. Some people walk in their own way which leads to nowhere. Worse still, some people walk in the way of the Evil One and they go astray.

What is the way of the Trinity?

First, the way of the Trinity is **Unity**: The Trinity is one nature, no separation, and undivided. We are invited to witness unity wherever we find ourselves. Separations and divisions are not from God.

Second, the way of the Trinity is **harmony**: There is perfect harmony in the Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit related in harmony from creation to redemption. We are invited to work harmoniously with one another.

Third, the way of the Trinity is **equality**: The three persons of the Trinity are equal. None is superior to the other. Therefore, we are not to judge anyone based on race, color, nationality, wealth, status, class, and gender.

Fourth, the way of the Trinity is **love**: Unity, harmony, and equality can only be possible where there is love. The Trinity is bonded by love. We pray that we are bind together by genuine love in our homes and in our parish. As we know, everything is possible with genuine love.

Fifth, the way of the Trinity is **holy**: As we celebrate and worship the Most Holy Trinity, may the rays of their holy light of the Trinity shine on us and dispel forces of sin and darkness and bring us to conversion. May the rays of their holy light grant us healing. May the rays of their holy light guide us to the path of truth and righteousness. May the rays of their holy light grant us every protection. Amen.

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