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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

_Dt 4:32-34, 39-40_
_Rom 8:14-17_
_Mt 28:16-20_

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Trinity Sunday offers the possibility to contemplate and gain new insight into the mystery of a God fully involved with the creatures He has created, redeemed and sanctified. It is a great opportunity to touch upon our spiritual journey.

My first formal recollection of the Trinity goes back to my catechism classes, when I was 5 years old. I vividly remember Petra, a jolly teacher who helped us understand that there was one true God and three divine Persons.

As a child, I had my little questions about this Triune God, and I used to shoot them to her asking for an answer. Then, she told me the story about a saint named Augustine who walking on the beach, trying to understand the mystery of the Trinity and who met a little child running back and forth to the ocean, using a sea shell to carry the water from the ocean and place it into a small hole on the sand. Do you remember the story? Petra told me the words the child of the story told Augustine: It is easier to put the whole ocean in the sand that to try to comprehend the immensity of the mystery of the Trinity with your small intelligence.

Years have gone by and my best approach to the Trinity has become a contemplative reading of the Gospels. There, I found Jesus sharing with us that there is a Father, who takes care of the birds and the lilies; who knows what we need; who forgives us our sins and gives us our daily bread. I also hear Jesus telling the story of the prodigal son and the merciful father who loves each one of his children in a personal way and who promotes unity among the siblings.

I hear Jesus saying that he is one with this Father-God, so much so that whoever sees Him, sees the Father. Then, I contemplate how Jesus becomes one with us, and how he loves women, children and men; how he chooses to reach out to the needy, the poor, the abandoned, calling each one and all to the joy of communion. I see Jesus full of joy or in tears, thistly or sleeping; Jesus angry and caring, working and praying. I can see that the Son became my brother and friend; in him I continue to admire the one God and the different persons of God.

Last but not least, I hear Jesus speaking about the Spirit. He leads Jesus to the desert and anoints Him to carry on his mission. He is the Spirit of truth, the Consoler and the loving breeze
leading us to the whole truth and enabling people to say the right word in every circumstance. Handed over to the apostles, the Spirit will do with them, and with members of the early community, what he did for Jesus. In him, I see the Trinity guiding the church to the freedom of love.

**No wonder why Jesus wanted every person, as today’s gospel proclaims, to be baptized, submerged and immersed and inhabited by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Oscar Romero, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, Damian of Molokai, Katharine Tekakwitha and many others, got to know the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and devoted their lives to bring about the dreams of the Father tirelessly promoting unity, justice, sorority-fraternity and peace. By the power of the Spirit, they made Jesus once again present among the women and men of their times and the poor and rich, the needy and the affluent, the powerful and the simple heard their voice and reacted, each one, according to their hearts desire, welcoming, rejoicing and surrendering our Triune God’s voice or hardening their views and closing their hearts to the call for justice and love.

**Ours is the choice!** May the grace of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit help us to prolong in our world and church their loving presence so that justice, love and peace abide in today’s world.

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