

THE UNITY IN DIVERSITY OF THE TRINITARIAN GOD

In our world now, there are different ideologies and beliefs. Every promoter of a particular ideology or belief tries to project theirs as the best to be accepted and appreciated. This reminds me of my native adage which points out that no one accepts or says that his or her mother's soup is not sweet. It is amid confusing ideologies or beliefs that Jesus is encouraging us with the Spirit of Truth which will lead us to all Truth. "TRUTH is seeing, experiencing or knowing people and situations the way they actually are-the way God sees them" (Fr. Jerry). The greatest mission of the Holy Spirit is to lead us to all Truth. JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUTH. In the Gospel of John, Jesus points out that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Every truth we need to know about God, the purpose of our existence, and events in the world and our lives is embodied in Jesus Christ. God is invisible but becomes visible in the person of Jesus to reveal the nature of God to us. The nature of God is equally our nature to some extent. Jesus points out that everything the Father has belongs to Him. This points to the fact that we belong to Jesus. WE BELONG TO JESUS NOT ONLY THROUGH INHERITANCE BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE PAID THE RANSOM FOR OUR SINS WITH HIS BLOOD. We were and are still being held hostage by sin, but our hope and joy lie in the fact that our ransom has been paid by Jesus. People pay ransom to those who kidnap their loved ones for their lives to be spared. IF WE BELIEVE THAT WE BELONG TO JESUS, WE SHOULD ALLOW HIM TO TAKE CARE OF US. Let us allow Jesus to forgive our sins, direct our lives, care for others through us, and so on. Also, Jesus points out that the Spirit of Truth will speak only what He hears and declare to the world only what He takes from Him. Summarily, Jesus wants us to know that the Holy Spirit will bear witness to Him. If you think about all these, you will perceive the unity in diversity of the three persons in One God. No one, in trying to explain the nature of God can do justice to it, but we can use some analogies to give a clue or insight into it. Each of us was created in God's image and likeness. Each of us is a composite of body, soul, and mind. Body, soul, and mind make up a human person, though each cannot function as it is supposed to without the others but there is something peculiar to each of them. There is unity in the three persons of the Trinity. The three persons are one in being and yet share unity in substance, with three distinct persons - The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is unity in the body, soul, and mind of every human being. God has united Himself with each of us through the Holy Eucharist and Holy Spirit. By baptism, we are called to share in the union of the Most Holy Trinity, the three persons in one Godhead as sons and daughters of God. Since each of us is united with God, our lives are supposed to reflect God's life. Jesus, in His prayer in the Gospel according to John 17, points out to the Father that He has given us the glory to be one as He is one in the Father and the Father is one in Him (John 17:20). This glory helped the early Christians to be one in heart and soul (Acts 4:32). These early Christians were interested in the common good to the extent of contributing what they have for the good of others who do not have possessions and have one faith. As present-day Christians, our problem is not in being generous but in differing from the articles of faith. I do not see any reason why we should have different beliefs because we have Jesus' commands and teachings in the Gospels as our guide. AS CHRISTIANS, OUR ONENESS LIES IN FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS CHRIST. To help us profess one faith, the

Magisterium, which is the teaching office of the Church, teaches our faith in the light of the Gospel message and the Sacred Tradition. WE NEED TO ALWAYS PRAY FOR THE HIERARCHIES OF THE CHURCH SO THAT THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL KEEP GUIDING THEM. Jesus pointed out to His Apostles that there will be a time when they will not see Him and that there will be a time when they will see Him. I would like to point out that beginning June 1 you may stop seeing me in this capacity but that does not mean you will not see me again. We may see each other somewhere else, or I will visit sometimes. According to the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1, there is a time for everything in the world. I would like to thank you all for your love, care, concern, and kindness to me. I have learned some things from all of you. On June 1 I will move on to my Archbishop's new plan for me. I will always remember all of you in my prayers. Thanks a lot. May God help us to represent Him in this world, Amen.