

The Indwelling Trinity: Source of All Holiness

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith.” The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men and “reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin.”

The message of Our Lady of America® is totally focused on this awesome mystery that reveals to us the very inner nature of God and defines our own nature in terms of God's definition of Himself as Love, as Life. In the overabundance of the Father's love we were created. Through the unconditional and supremely sacrificial love of the Son we were redeemed. And through the mysteriously transforming and sanctifying love of the Holy Spirit we are invited into the inner glory of the Eternal and Trinitarian God Who is Holiness itself. We are called to be holy as He is. We come to understand this call and this happiness through the great gift of the Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in our souls, first initiated in Baptism and increased each moment we surrender more deeply to its infinite grace.

Our Lady conveyed this reality to Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil in these words:

The Holy Trinity dwelt with us in a manner far surpassing anything that can ever be imagined. For ours was the earthly paradise where once again God walked among men.

The Divine Trinity will dwell in your midst only if you are faithful in practicing the virtues of our life at Nazareth. Then, you also, my children, you also will become another paradise. God will then walk among you and you will have peace.

(Diary, Our Lady of America®, Sr. Mildred Mary Neuzil, pg. 8.)

In November of 1957 Our Lady showed herself to Sister Mildred as the “Immaculate Tabernacle of the Indwelling God,” stating “all the glory of the King’s daughter is within.” She called herself “Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling, handmaid of Him Who dwells within.” Sister Mildred describes her appearance as being “suffused in a soft glow of light that appeared to come from within her. It seemed to permeate and, as it were, saturate her whole being, even her apparel and the roses.

All true holiness comes from within. It is this Divine Presence in our souls that sanctifies us. It is God’s action of grace, not ours, that makes us holy and carries us into the realm of His glorious kingdom. Holiness is in direct measure to the surrender of our wills to God’s and of our ways to His. This message from Our Lady stresses this fact over and over; it stresses the primacy of prayer over our own activity. God is always First Love and Giver and Gift. We have nothing to give Him that He has not first given to us. It is the pure cry of the heart that bids our eternal God to enter into the humble tabernacle of our own beings and to make their His dwelling place, His throne room, a holy of holies, His bridal chamber for His most intimate union with every soul. Through His action in our souls, we, too, will be suffused and saturated with the glory of God. This is why we were made and this is what we have been called to know. It is the destiny of all those who love Him and do not resist the very love that cannot contain itself but seeks its expression in us. God the Trinity is a magnificent love story and we are the characters in that story who allow Him to be God—unfathomable Love to us.

O dear God, we dare to bid you have your way with us. Glorify yourself in our lowliness! May your Holy Name be forever praised, Father , Son and Holy Spirit!

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