

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Gospel: (Matthew 28: 16-20)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, *“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*

Reflection:

St. Vincent de Paul urged his followers to worship and to imitate the Trinity, and to live a life in which all are one, as Jesus is one with the Father and the Spirit. He wanted his followers to have in themselves the image of the Trinity, to share a sacred relation to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. St. Vincent wanted us to be together as having but one heart and soul so that through this union of spirit we would be a true image of the unity of God. He prayed to the Holy Spirit, who is the union of the Father and Son, that he would likewise be ours, giving profound peace in the midst of contradictions and difficulties. (Maloney, *The Way of Vincent de Paul*, p.34)

Vincentian Meditation:

In the Manual of the Society we read: Conferences meet regularly and frequently, as a celebration of mutual friendship and out of a passion to serve the Lord. Unlike other organizations within and without the Church, the Conference meets less to conduct business than *to celebrate and deepen its unity* for essentially spiritual reasons. It is in the Conference meetings that members can experience Christ’s presence in each other and the workings of the Holy Spirit. In a sense, these gatherings become a living, vivid witness of God’s healing presence among us. These *unity-building* occasions constitute opportunities for personal renewal and for rededication to service of the needy and suffering. (US Manual, P.95-96)

Discussion: (Share your thoughts on the readings after a moment of silence)

Do we model the unity of the Trinity, “being of one mind and one heart,” in our Conferences?

Closing Prayer:

O Holy Trinity, truly you are a God of Unity,
-give us one heart and one soul.
Truly you are a God of mystery,
-give us hearts filled with reverence for You.
Truly you are a God of majesty,
-give us hearts filled with humility and love.
Truly you are a God of creative power,
-give us hearts filled with gratitude. Amen.

