

RCIA Trinity

Nora: Lenten Meditation from Book “Do as He tells you.”

Song Ruah from In the Quiet CD

The sign of the Cross.

Everytime we bless ourselves we invoke the Blessed Trinity. The history of the cross is that the early Christians used it as a password or secret sign to other Christians. It used to be a small sign. Also many Christians do it differently.

The one God is three divine Persons, each having the fullness of the divine nature, who live in a perfect communion of love. This is the central mystery of our faith.

Mystery, a dogma of our faith, that is what the Trinity is. Can I explain it? No!

How many other mysteries or dogmas do we have ? Can you name any?

In the Early Church, St. Gregory of Nazianzus entrusts the Trinity to the catechumens of Constantinople

“Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I entrust it to you today. By it I am soon going to plunge you into water and raise you up from it. I give it to you as the companion and patron of your whole life. I give you but one divinity and power, existing one in three, and containing the three in a distinct way.”

Leader: In the name of the Three who are love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: The Three who are over my head:

All: The Three who are under my tread.

Leader: The Three who are over here:

All: The Three who are over me there.

Leader: The Three who in heaven dwell:

All: The Three in the great ocean swell.

Leader: Pervading Three, O be with me;

All: Pervading Three, O be with me. (Celtic Worship)

Have someone come up and describe who they are on the board. Girl, mother, aunt, sister, American. Write on the board.

Write on the board the Blessed Trinity, how many names have we got for them?

Three Candles, make one flame.

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach the Celtic people about the Trinity.

We look at them separate but together:

The Father: the first person of the Blessed Trinity: The Creator (Mal 2:10)

The Son, the second person of the Blessed Trinity: The Redeemer (Jn1:1:4)

The Holy Spirit the third person of the Blessed Trinity: The Sanctifier (Rom 5:5)

Dalana: Use Catechism and Bible to find bible references about the Trinity.

Hand out peanut and handout on George Washington Carver.

Break

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are of two kinds: the first are intended for the justification of the person who receives them: the second, charismata , (special gifts) (1 Cor 12: 6-11); 1 Cor 12 28-31); (Romans 12: 6-8) are granted an individual for the help of another.

Lets look up Isaiah (11:2-3)

Spirit Gifts:

Wisdom: The ability to see things as they truly are in a open-minded manner.

Understanding: A heart that accepts cares, listens, understands, and forgives.

Knowledge: The ability to comprehend the truths of the universe.

Right Judgment: The ability to make good and wise decisions.

Courage: The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges.

Reverence: A deep respect for God, for others and for all creation.

Wonder and Awe in God's Providence: A sense of the greatness and majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of His nearness.

Fruits of the Spirit (Gal: 5-22-23)

The fruits of the spirit are not habits or permanent qualities, but individual impromptu acts that may occur only once in a lifetime or may become habits of a lifetime.

Handouts for Holy Week, explain.

Closing Prayer, Spirit Gifts.