

In the Trinity Everything Begins and Ends and Is Made Holy

The need for meditation, contemplation, interior prayer is so great that it cannot be stressed enough. We are a surface-minded people for the most part, so it is imperative at last, in this late hour, to seriously look into ourselves and recognize the Glory living within, drawing us to Itself, that Divine Presence, so mysterious, yet so infinitely real, the only Reality into Which and out of Which all others flow and have their birth. We partake of the Divine Life and this is our sanctity. The Holy Spirit leads each person according to their needs and lights at the moment but all spirituality has its basis in the Divine Trinity living within us.

(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, letter to her spiritual director, Rev. Paul F. Leibold.)

On August 9, 1956, just before Our Lady's first appearance, Sister Mildred wrote her spiritual director about the graces Our Lord had showered upon her during retreat.

He is my one Reality, the object of all my desires. I love Him so much it has become a distinct pain, different from any other and it never leaves me. The other day, in my cell, I was reading a book on St. Thomas Aquinas. It described at this certain point, or tried to, rather, the goodness of God, His love and mercy. I looked up and saw Our Lord looking at me. Then I cried, Father, cried because I couldn't stand the pain of it. I felt that my love was so small and I wanted it to be big, immense...I cannot understand how such a small heart can contain so much love and not break altogether.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity, three distinct persons in the one Godhead, the central mystery of our Faith. From the Trinity all the other mysteries of our Faith flow: creation, the Incarnation, the Redemption of mankind, the institution of the Church and the Sacraments, the communion of saints in the Mystical Body of Christ, all ordered to the sanctification of God's people and their adoption into His family. This mystery of the Trinity, in itself and in us, is the central theme of this devotion to Mary as Our Lady of America. The Trinity chose to communicate Itself to mankind in the Sacred Humanity of Jesus by way of Mary and her humble obedience to the Will of God in the whole economy of our salvation. God by nature and essence is Love and love by nature is impelled to give Itself away. How marvelous are God's deeds of self-giving, but none are as marvelous as His gifts of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, the abiding Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacles of our churches, and especially His Indwelling Presence in the tabernacles of our bodies and souls when He gives Himself to us in His sanctifying grace and in Holy Communion. So extravagant and magnificent is this grace of the Divine Indwelling that Our Lady, the Immaculate Tabernacle of the Indwelling God in her own flesh, revealed herself in a new image as Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling, handmaid of Him Who dwells within®. Our Lady told Sister, who shared it with a friend, that the message of Our Lady of America® and the Divine Indwelling are so important because they will destroy Lucifer, the ancient

serpent. Surely they will usher in the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart as was first promised in the Garden of Eden after the fall of Adam.

From the beginning of time every prophecy, every vision throughout the centuries, will have its fulfillment in Our Lady of America® and her message of the Indwelling Trinity in every soul, which will renew the whole world and destroy Lucifer and all the evil spirits in the fight he is making against the Indwelling Trinity. This will eventually destroy him.

On Holy Saturday, 1981, Our Lady warned that evil often passes for good and many good works and good persons are destroyed by *apparently* good people manipulated by the powers of evil because they fail to discern the True Spirit from false ones. Only the pure of heart can discern the Truth. (The Diary, Pg. 40.) She warned of those who teach false doctrines and repudiate the sacraments and those who misguidedly follow false teachers down a path of error and destruction. She said: **“Beloved daughter, there is so much untruth in the truth that is sought. Truth comes from Him who has been sent by my Son, the Spirit who is Truth. Pray continuously to be guided by this Spirit who is the true enlightenment.”** (The Diary, Pg. 43.) She urges her children to seek and follow the light of the Holy Spirit within themselves and within Holy Church. In 1984 when Sister asked Our Lady if there would be a nuclear war because the world has not heeded her call for repentance and reform of life, Our Lady said it depends on us. **“There must be much more good than evil prevailing in order to prevent the holocaust that is so near approaching.”** (The Diary, Pg. 45.) How would Our Lady answer that question today when the world seems more evil still and in constant danger of nuclear annihilation? Our Lady warned that letting human wisdom guide us is a serious mistake and leads us along paths of darkness. On July 18, 1980, she said:

Sweet child, beloved of my Son and cherished by me, my message has not been heeded nor have I yet found one to further the cause of renewal within. The Presence of the Trinity within every human being is the focal point, the basis of interior holiness. From this will spring a deep life of prayer and a love for penance as the discipline needed to convert all peoples to a serious preparation for the coming of my Son and His Kingdom.

Dear child, there are those of my children who are faithful, among these are my priests and religious who live a life of prayer and dedication to the work of my Son. What a consolation they are to me, with what joy I watch them furthering the Kingdom. But there must be more of such self-sacrificing souls, many, many more. Until this comes to pass, peace will not come, rather much more of suffering will encompass the world. I wish to spare my children from this, but I cannot do it without their help.

You must try to make my people understand that the life of God within them is the source of their peace and happiness. There is no other way. This is what my Son came to teach and bring and it was for this He lived and died. Unless this mystery of God's Presence within is accepted and lived, peace will not come. It is the only way, believe me, my daughter. (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA®, Lodi, OH, Pg. 37.)

In 1958, St. Joseph told Sister Mildred that the Most Holy Trinity had chosen the Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to bring peace to the world; hence, they should be loved and honored, in particular with acts of reparation and imitation. St. Joseph spoke of **“The Secret of Secrets,” the Divine Indwelling**. (The Diary, Pg. 31.)

Kneel, my beloved daughter, for God is about to reveal to you a secret of the interior life. Few there are who learn it and fewer they who live it in its fullness. This SECRET, dear child, is living with Him Who is within you and has made of your soul His Kingdom. There are many who know this Doctrine, but few to whom God reveals its secret operation. Few souls there are who empty themselves of all things that they may possess this Secret of Secrets, this ultimate glory of all living, this union with the Divine, ending in Eternal Vision.

This Secret cannot be written, lovely child; its deepest meaning will be made known to you in the interior depths of your child-like soul, in your humble heart, where LOVE has found Its resting place, Its palace beautiful.

They who would possess for themselves this mysterious workings of the Divine Secret must strive to cultivate in silence and humility this love for the Eternal Being within them. We [Mary and Joseph] lived this life, beloved child, so to attain it, souls must imitate as far as possible the fullness of our union with the Indwelling God.

Can we hear these words and not hunger with all our hearts to know this Secret? Can we learn to think and to pray as Sister Mildred thought and prayed?

To live in the Holy Trinity, oh that is life, life as God willed it to be and desires it to be; yet, in how many souls is His work frustrated, His great designs made void. I will not be as those ungrateful ones who forget the true Holy Treasure within them. I will remember that the great God Who created me out of nothing is within me who, without Him, would return again into the nothingness out of which I was formed.

O Life, O Beatitude, O Heaven, You only delight of the soul, You who reach down from Your high celestial throne to gather unto Yourself the little ones of this earth and in recompense for the slight sufferings they bear out of love for You, give them Yourself. Look down, I beseech You, upon this, the smallest of your small ones and have compassion on my extreme weakness and frailty, known even more to You than to myself, and make me entirely Yours. (Prayer of Sister Mildred.)

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