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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The theology of the Most Holy Trinity is quite complex. It's been said that it's difficult to speak about it for more than thirty seconds without accidentally committing heresy. Trying to comprehend that there are three distinct people in one God is not easy! Can't you hear it? *"Wait, there are three different persons, that are all God, but there's only ONE God. And all three of them existed forever? You mean one person didn't make the others?"* It's enough to make your head spin!

In order to bring the beauty and mystery of the Trinity to a more understandable level, it has been described as a community of Love. There is a lover, a beloved, and the love they share. God the Father loves Jesus. God the Son (Jesus), loves the Father in return. The love between them is enough to animate an entirely separate person- that is, the Holy Spirit.

It's similar to the community of love we find in a family. A husband loves his wife, and the wife loves her husband. Their love between them creates a child. What a beautiful thing it is that the family can be a reflection of God in this way. Where else do we find a love that, when shared fully, literally creates a new life?

This metaphor is not perfect, but it helps us begin to understand who the Holy Trinity is. And we can contemplate this mystery endlessly and still find more. However, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it simply and beautifully, "The ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity. But even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity:"If a man loves me", says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him" (CCC, paragraph 230)

A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

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YOU ARE MEANT FOR RELATIONSHIP

Fr. Steve shared with us at **The Road Home** that all through his vast education and experience that it never dawned on him in a conscious way that what it means to be a Christian is to be in a relationship with Jesus. Someone asked him, "Do you love Jesus?" and this question "knocked him off his game". It began to change the way he saw things.

He wants you to know this here and now. *You are meant to have a personal, living relationship with Jesus Christ.* You, reading this. You are meant to have a deep, meaningful friendship with him. And with God the Father. And the Holy Spirit!

Jesus tells us to call his Father Abba, which means dad. It's an affectionate term that was certainly not used when relating to God during his time. Jesus changed that. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we are able to be baptized into the family of Christ and call God, Father. And Jesus, Brother.

We want you to know Jesus and know you are loved by him. As with any relationship though, developing it takes time. The great thing is, that Jesus is perfect and loves us as we grow to love and walk with him more!

It can be hard to know where to start on this journey with Jesus, but that is what STEPS is all about! To help answer that question, "Ok Jesus, how can I get to know you more?" If you're having trouble answering that, we'd love to help you! Just reach out to any staff member and we'll help you figure out what your next STEP

DID YOU MISS

THE ROAD HOME?

WE HAD A NIGHT OF PRAYER TO BEGIN REBUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. WE INTRODUCED NEW GOALS AND STRATEGIES BEING IMPLEMENTED TO HELP US DO SO! IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT THE ROAD HOME, PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT

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ROMANS 8:14-15