

Homily Trinity Sunday 2022 Emmanuel d'Alzon's Reflections on the Trinity

Emmanuel d'Alzon had a Trinitarian outlook on everything. He based our Assumptionist spirituality on the love of Jesus Christ and on what Jesus loved: Mary, his Mother, and the Church, his spouse. He believed Jesus, Mary and the Church formed an extension of the Blessed Trinity here on Earth. We could say that Our Blessed Lady and the Church are so intimately united to Jesus that the three of them merge into one, like the Trinity. Mary, the Mother, gave her purest blood to provide God the Son, Jesus, with a human nature while the Church, the Spouse, identifies herself with Christ as his Mystical Body.

When Mary encountered the angel Gabriel, she was troubled (Luke 1, 29) and asked for an explanation. In Gabriel's answer, the mystery of the Blessed Trinity was revealed to her. First of all, the Person of God the Son was conceived within her, the action of God was brought about by the Holy Spirit using the almighty power of God the Father. Gabriel said: "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you*" (Luke 1, 35).

Our founder, Emmanuel, believes that our goal in life is to continually form and nurture Christ within us and in the Church. The Angel Gabriel asked Our Lady to give birth to Christ – each of us is asked to do the same – to give birth to Christ within us and around us.

The most important way to do this is through prayer, meditation and contemplation. Through prayer, we allow God to purify our hearts, detach us from all unnecessary baggage and attach us totally to God. Through Prayer we are able to unite ourselves to the Blessed Trinity both in this life and for all eternity.

Like all Christians, Assumptionists are called to follow Jesus' example. The three Persons together decreed how redemption would happen. That God the Son would become Man. The Father commanded it while the Son, Jesus, accepted his role of Sacrificial Lamb. God the Son, who exists beyond time, wished to unite Himself personally with us in order to redeem us. Jesus accepted the Blessed Trinity's decision: accepting the decision with his adopted human will. In His Divine nature (as God therefore), he shared the authority and the responsibility of making this loving decision with the other two Divine Persons, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

In His human nature (as Man therefore) Jesus, the Son, accepted, submitted and obeyed. This is the very first act of true Obedience. It took place within the framework of the Blessed Trinity at the beginning of time.

Listen to Saint Augustine: *We ought to love God, the Trinity in unity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For St Paul says of God: "Of whom are all things, by whom are all things and in whom are all things. To Him be glory." Our chief good, consequently, seeks to cleave to that with which it is blessed, in other words, to God - the Trinitarian God to whom we cleave with affection, desire, and love.*

Announcements found in Church Newsletters:

- **Don't let worry kill you -- let the church help.**
- **This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South & North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.**
- **This Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.**
- After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."