

Homily (Feast of the Most Blessed Trinity) – 6/11/2017

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. How many times have you done that in your life? Yet what does it mean Father, Son, and Spirit? How can we comprehend the Most Blessed Trinity.

An elephant and a mouse are at the beach. The mouse says to the elephant: "Would you like to try on my bathing suit, I think you can squeeze into it." Of course you and I know that would not be possible. The size of the mouse's body and the size of the elephant's body make it incomprehensible. The same is true of today's feast The Blessed Trinity. One God in three divine persons. How can we comprehend such a mystery, squeeze it into our minds? We will leave it to theologians to explain Father-Son-Holy Spirit. Yet, could such a mystery surprisingly be part of our experience? Is it possible Father, Son and Spirit are closer than you might think. For that answer we look to our lives.

Question: Is there anyone who believes they were more realistic when they were younger? They were more realistic about love songs, about what goes into a marriage - raising children and earning a living? Would you trade now your present clarity of real life for what it was at an earlier age? Something has been happening in you. Something has been happening to you. Something so valuable that you now see life with a vision you did not have earlier.

You have been brought to a new place. An experience you cannot escape seeing. What brought you this far? Certainly you did not know enough to do it by yourself. Could this experience tell you that you might be part of an ongoing process called creation? A writer put it this way:

*"Tell me what you have seen of life, of goodness, of wonder.
Tell me about the most beautiful sunrise you've ever seen,
The most beautiful flower you've ever touched,
The most delicious berry you've ever tasted ,
The most magnificent animal of the forest, sky or sea.
Tell me about the mysteries of the atom and the cosmos.
Tell me about the possibilities of science and medicine.
And I will tell you about the Father."*

Okay but where does the second person of the Trinity, The Son, show up in experience? Is there anyone here who has suffered physically, emotionally, spiritually and not known why? Is there anyone here who has experienced betrayal, shame, loneliness, been treated unfairly, falsely accused, or been misunderstood? Is there anyone here who has searched for God and come up empty, experienced abandonment? If so, where did you find the strength to go on? The writer put it this way:

*Tell me what you know about right and wrong,
About love, compassion and mercy,
About peace, justice and integrity.
Tell me what you believe,
What you value and treasure most in your heart.
Tell me about your hopes in the midst of despair,
About your ability to forgiveand be forgiven.
Tell me what you seek on your journey through this life.
Tell me about the crosses you've had to bear and the
Strength and grace you found to bear them.
Tell me about the agonies of your Good Fridays
And the miracles of your Easter Sundays.
And I will tell you about the Son.*

Okay but where is The Spirit the third person of the Blessed Trinity in experience? What fills you with enthusiasm? What are you looking forward to wishing for? Whose place would you take if they had to face life threatening surgery? Who is the love of your life? The writer put it this way:

*Tell me what you really feel passionate about.
Tell me about those you most love
Love in the deepest, most secret part of your heart
Tell me what you are willing to die for
And what you are hoping to live for.
And I will tell you about the Spirit.
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.*