

„If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live ... But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear ... I declare to you this day that you shall perish.“ Deut. 30,16ff

In me there is always just one thought: How could I speak of the beauty of the Most Holy TRINITY so that people may understand and grasp what it is about? One cannot! And concerned because everybody will die one day and stand before GOD's Judgement, the only thing left to do would be to threaten. But I would not dream of doing such a thing because GOD respects the free will of man. Consider, what good is esteem or riches to you? You may be poor or rich, talented or simple-minded – one day you will stand before the lawmaker who will call you to account according to His law. Amen!

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Feast of the Most Holy TRINITY



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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Most Holy TRINITY One GOD – Three Persons

My beloved, TRINITY Sunday means the world to me! Therefore I am very pleased to see all of you here in spite of many a long way you have taken upon you. For this may you receive the appropriate graces. I even guarantee that you will receive them if you are at peace with GOD and your neighbour. So I welcome all of you most sincerely!

Very great help we receive by the intercession of Mary, the Mother of GOD, through st Joseph, through the Angels and Saints, and last but not least also through the Poor Souls with their fervent prayers. They are a great help, without which we could not live. However, we have got to be careful not to linger at the Angels and Saints but be aware that our love is directed at the Most Holy TRINITY only. For all grace comes from the Most Holy TRINITY even if it is often obtained by intercession of the Angels and Saints! The mere pronunciation of GOD's Name or the slightest thought of Him should move our hearts deeply.

GOD's Countenance

Only unwillingly do I talk about the mystic graces by which GOD reveals Himself to me in such a way that it can hardly be expressed in words. When I was just a boy and GOD showed Himself to me – not in my sleep but awake, somewhere or somehow, in various ways –, it was at first only one Face: the ONE GOD! Now as I thought of the FATHER, it was His Face. As I thought of the GOD the SON, it was also His Face. But thinking, however, of the HOLY SPIRIT, it was again His Face. And yet at the same time I could recognize all three Faces in one. It was a wonderful vision. – Seeing the Most Holy TRINITY in the three divine Persons was different again. Usually I saw the FATHER in the middle, the SON to His right, the HOLY SPIRIT to His left. Quite often, however, I

saw the HOLY SPIRIT with His working power above the FATHER and the SON. Facing the FATHER – do understand, I am talking now as I experienced it as a boy – I could not but jump on His knees. To me He was simply “the dear Father of Heaven”, as I used to say. With Him I found a wonderful warmth and security. When after a while the SON wished me to go to Him, I went to Him. As the heavenly FATHER showed me some things of His creation, with the SON it was rather the talking, the Word to be precise. – After yet another while, as I turned to the HOLY SPIRIT because I wanted to go to Him, too, there was a sudden change. The HOLY SPIRIT rose up like a huge, vast wheel of fire, having neither beginning nor end, above FATHER and SON. The fire was such a mighty roar that could only be sensed, not heard. Only sensation was possible. I trembled, but it also aroused a deep longing in me, which attracted me to Him like a magnet. So I first drew near a bit cautiously. And there I experienced as I experienced it afterwards again and again: With the FATHER, with the SON you can literally stand face to face. With the HOLY SPIRIT you can only approach up to a few meters and all of a sudden you seem to be no longer there, as if absorbed by this mighty sea of fire – absorbed by the HOLY SPIRIT. Nevertheless, I never felt this sea of fire like a burning fire but it was just a wonderful sensation, which I have always enjoyed most deeply. It is a feeling, I am afraid I cannot explain it otherwise, as if one is wrapped up in plush.

„Take My Church with you!“

When I was approximately between 18 and 20 years of age I had to go through a lean time, in which GOD took away from me this seeing and feeling as well. When I went on duty in the papal Swiss Guard and entered St Peter’s for the very first time, I was again completely wrapped up in it. Only by force could I bring myself to leave the Cathedral again. In this period of more than two years, during which I had been staying there and also at later visits I experienced this time after time; a clear sign of the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT. You know well what happened to me later on as a bishop. As I wanted to travel to st Peter’s tomb once again, the SAVIOUR let me know that Peter was not there any more. I travelled to Rome nevertheless because I wanted to go and see for myself. And indeed, that’s how it was. With great horror I had to recognize how much Satan had taken possession of this once so holy place, and once so dear to me. In heart-rending distress, sorrow and pain I fled the Cathedral. Walking down the steps of the portal GOD’s voice said: „Nikolaus, take My Church with you!“

What I long for so much

If I were allowed to express a wish, it would be: May GOD be loved, praised, worshipped and glorified by all men from the utmost depths of their hearts! Everything, the whole creation must praise and exalt GOD! – Do you now understand why I use this powerful, festive music to accompany the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Compared with the music of Heaven it may just be a poor thing, but we want to honour and praise GOD to the best of our ability. What does it say again: „May everything praise You, LORD! May the seas and rivers roar to Your glory.“ Mountains and hills, ice and cold, fire and heat – everything, the whole creation shall join in praising GOD. How often do I tell the trees in secret when the wind is blowing through their crowns: „May this rustling of your leaves in the wind be like a rustling prayer of praise to GOD!“ When the flowers and the grass bend in the wind: „This may be like a devout bow before the glory of GOD Who is your Creator, too.“ You know, it just hurts me very much because people do not understand that one can be in touch with GOD all day long, that one can admire and see GOD in everything. Maybe one must first learn to admire GOD’s works, then the love towards Him will come by itself.

Commandments created out of love

People often grumble: „The Church only wants to yoke man with the commandments!“ No, they are commandments created out of love. For they are nothing other than traffic regulations of life. The traffic lights are at the crossroads so that no accidents will happen and everybody can go their own ways. What would happen if you ignored the red traffic light at a busy crossroads? In exactly the same way GOD in His love has given rules for life so that you do not harm either yourself or your neighbour. „You shall not lie!“ says the eighth commandment. How much disorder and suffering there is in the world because in politics, yet unfortunately in the Church as well, this lie is the usual thing. How many diseases and broken families there are because the sixth commandment is being violated. GOD says: „Rule the earth wisely!“ It is not observed. There is overexploitation and folly everywhere! GOD says: „Six days you shall labour and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord, your God ...“ Look how this commandment of GOD is being ignored. With few exceptions, farmers hardly know Sundays any more. My beloved: Observing GOD’s commandments brings blessing; violating them causes disaster. Especially the elderly among you will remember the proverb still valid today: „Like your Sunday, like your dying day!“