

My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

On the 15th, we will celebrate the great liturgical solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, three truly distinct Persons who are one and the same God. This is a mystery that, with effort, theology manages to see is not a contradiction, but that surpasses our capacity to understand it.

Saint Josemaría (in the upcoming days we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his departure to Heaven) once told us that, when contemplating this truth of our faith, he sometimes seemed to glimpse a bit of light, and at other times only darkness. And he said that it made him very happy to realize that the infinite greatness of God didn't fit in our intellects. "Our heart now needs to distinguish and adore each one of the divine Persons. The soul is, as it were, making a discovery in the supernatural life, like a little child opening his eyes to the world about him. The soul spends time lovingly with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and readily submits to the work of the life-giving Paraclete, who gives himself to us with no merit on our part, bestowing his gifts and the supernatural virtues!" (*Friends of God*, no. 306).

The Holy Spirit, with sanctifying grace, truly "introduces" us into the divine life, making us children of the Father in the Son. We know that these words fall far short of what they would like to express. But God has made himself visible in Christ. As our Lord responded to the Apostle Philip, and as he also tells us: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (*Jn 14:9*).

May our mother Mary, daughter of God the Father, mother of God the Son, spouse – temple – of the Holy Spirit, help us to participate ever more intensely in the divine life of the Trinity, and thus, increasingly more identified with Christ, may we dedicate ourselves to the service of those around us.

Finally, I would like to inform you about the work of adapting the Statutes. We had planned to complete this study at the General Congress, but, as you know, due to the Holy See being vacant, it was deemed appropriate not to do so. The congress participants gave their positive opinion so that, with the new Council and Advisory, we could conclude the revision of the Statutes and submit them to the Holy See for approval, which we did today. It has been a three-year journey, accompanied by everyone's prayers, which I ask you to intensify in this final stage.

Naturally, let us continue to accompany the Holy Father Leo XIV with our daily prayer and dedication.

Your Father blesses you with all his affection.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leonardo".

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