

## ***Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity***

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*“Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In this hand is the soul of every living thing, and the life breath of all mankind.” (Job 12:9-10)*

During his general audience of June 7, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II offered the faithful these words: *“Inscribed within the rational creature is an intimate relationship with the Creator, a fundamental bond established first by the gift of life.”* The Holy Father, returning to the section of Job quoted above, would further emphasize that this gift of life could be examined through two words from Job: Soul and Life. Today, I would like to highlight the presence of the Most Holy Trinity in all humanity through our souls and our lives.

In the Book of Genesis, we are able to read of God’s willing creation into existence. The story of Genesis stresses our first point, soul, when it described God creating humanity. *“Then God said: ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.’”* (Genesis 1:26-27) We can ascertain from these verses that the image of the Most Holy Trinity is present in every person. I realize that most of us probably know this already, but let us reflect upon this point. The Most Holy Trinity created me in their image and likeness. That which resides in God, a rational soul, was given to you and me to help us in our life long quest to know and love Him. There are some who truly believe we are the result of evolution. However, they cannot explain why, unlike other animals, we can create. Whether it is through our imagination, our curiosity, our dreams, or our desires, mankind creates. We need look no further than philosophy, art, literature, and music to appreciate this gift of a rational soul. These creations allow mankind to express himself powerfully and beautifully through them.

Saint Irenaeus of Lyon once wrote: *“Eternal life is therefore the life of God himself and at the same time the life of the children of God.”* (Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies) The divine image of God, the unity of the Most Holy Trinity, is present in the unity of the children of God. This is realized when we assist each other in preparation for eternal life. Life is a valuable teacher concerning this point. We realize at an early age that we need the love and affirmation that others provide. Our lives are meant to be shared with others. A husband and wife are able to do this in a profound way. They participate in God’s divine act of creation by bringing a new life, their child, into the world. We are created with a deep need for communion. God expressed this in the book of Genesis: *“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.”* (Genesis 2:18)

The Most Holy Trinity created us to be living witnesses of Their presence in the world. We have been profoundly blessed, throughout history, when mankind has lived in communion using their abilities to better the lives of their fellow men and women. May we use our gifts of soul and life to make present the Kingdom of God where ever we may find ourselves.