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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

“God is Good...All the Time!”

In my former parish, one of my parochial vicars would often say "God is good?" with a questioning tone, to which the faithful would respond "All the time!" This expression may be familiar to many of us, as it is often heard in songs or used to evoke a response. Understanding God's actions throughout the history of salvation, we can indeed affirm that God is always good.

The mystery of the Trinity - one God in three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - is profound and incomprehensible. The Father is the Creator, the Son is the Savior, and the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier. Although difficult to understand, Jesus teaches us about the Father and the Holy Spirit, from whom we draw our understanding and faith.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches that one becomes a disciple through baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and those who are baptized are asked to observe all that Jesus commanded.

Being aware of God's presence in our lives helps us understand how we can truly live our lives. Through our baptism, we are called as sons and daughters of God, disciples of Christ, and as temples of the Holy Spirit, as stated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians. Knowing who we are with God, we strive to conform to His ways and spread the Good News of the Kingdom to change this broken world lured by sin and evil, knowing that God is in us and with us.

The Solemn Feast of the Holy Trinity is a great occasion to renew our commitment to God and deepen our relationship with Him. When we are constantly reminded of God's presence in our lives, we should act accordingly. In this way, we can make our world, our families, and our church one ohana in one God. Experiencing how good God is allows us to share His goodness with everyone.

We continue to give praise and honor to God as we pray, “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual