***In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit***

**HOLY TRINITY MAY 30 (Mt 28, 16-20)**

In the Gospel according to John, baptism is announced as follows: *“Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Jn 3, 1-8).* These are words that no Christian can ever contradict. They always oblige. The Apostles are sent to make disciples, to baptize, to teach how the Gospel is lived. They are a single mission, a single mandate, not four separate and distinct commands, of which one takes, and the others leave. Jesus' command is one. There are four type of obedience: going, making disciples, baptizing, and teaching how to live the Gospel. If only one of these type of obedience fails, the mission also fails.

Baptism is administered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Father is Eternal Love, Charity, Compassion, Forgiveness, Mercy. Immersed in the Father, man also becomes love, charity, compassion, forgiveness, mercy. What becomes by nature then must be by will. He must always want to be in the world what his Father is. Will leads nature only by grace. Grace is Christ Jesus. Jesus is Light, truth, eternal life, holocaust, sacrifice for sins, vicarious atonement, obedience even to death on the cross. When we are immersed in Christ, we are transformed into Christ in order to live of Christ, with Christ, for Christ, but always in Him. Acquiring Christ-like nature is not enough, it is not sufficient. This nature too must be assumed by the will so that it is led to an ever more perfect conformation to Christ Jesus. The will leads towards Christ if it is moved and guided by the Holy Spirit. Communion is proper to the Spirit of the Lord. In the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, the Spirit is the eternal communion of love and truth between the Father and the Son. The Father and the Son know and love each other in the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Spirit they give themselves life. The Father gives his whole life to the Son, the Son gives his whole life to the Father with an eternal obedience. The same communion takes place in the body of Christ. In the Holy Spirit, Christ and the Christian know each other, love each other, give each other their life. In the Holy Spirit every member of the body of Christ gives life to every other member. In the Holy Spirit the whole body gives itself to the Father and lives for him. This is the great prodigy that baptism administered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit works. From the son of Adam and the heir of death, the baptized person becomes the son of God, in his Son Jesus Christ and heir of eternal life.

*The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. "*

Thus, the Apostle Paul speaks of baptism in the Letter to the Galatians: *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children,* *God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. "(Gal 4, 4-7).*Without baptism, one is an heir of death.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us understand this great mystery.