Trinity Sunday 2015

« Come, Holy Ghost, fill the Hearts of Thy Faithful, and enkindle in us the Fire of Thy Love! »

We are now come to the second great cycle of the liturgical year—the time after Pentecost. At Christmas, the Light of the World came into the world as an infant. During Passiontide, Christ « suffered, died and was buried. » At Easter, He rose again from the Dead, breaking forever the bonds of sin and death. At His Glorious Ascension, He mysteriously drew all humanity up with Himself into the heights of heaven. By means of our baptism, we, too, are drawn up already into heaven, into this eternal communion with the Father and the Son.

Yet as we know from our own experience, our communion with the Father and the Son is not yet perfect—and we are at every moment in need of the Holy Ghost, our Comforter and Helper. As the Church sings throughout the world at the beginning of each Divine Office, *« Deus, in adiutorium meum intende! Domine, ad adiuvandum me festina!*» In a nutshell, this is the work of the Holy Ghost : to increase the intensity of the Divine Light which was poured into our souls at baptism; to enkindle the Divine Fire within us, to fan it to such a degree that we become « burning furnaces of charity » [*fornaces ardentes caritatis*] as we pray in the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Paraclete has truly come—he has truly been sent from heaven by the Father and the Son—and he ardently desires to take up his abode within us, to make us more and more each day true « icons », true images of the Son. To Whom be all glory and honor, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen!

Apostolic Commission

1. « All power is given to me in heaven and on earth! »
   1. The Prince of Darkness was definitively overthrown at the Resurrection—he is no longer “The Prince of this World.” When the King is come, the faithless steward must needs depart.
2. « Go, therefore, teach all nations! » Triple *munera* of the Church (office, duty; gift)
   1. « Baptizing them… » MUNUS SANCTIFICANDI
      1. This is PRIMARY—sanctify YOURSELF, and then the WORLD will be sanctified through God’s work in you. For most of you, that means the call to sanctify the family! And then, to sanctify the workplace, the world.
   2. « Teaching them… » MUNUS DOCENDI
      1. Pastors of the Church have the DUTY to speak clearly.
      2. Parents have the primary DUTY of educating their children.
   3. « …to obey all things…» MUNUS REGENDI
      1. We must OBEY / OBSERVE the commandments, and precepts of the Church—particularly the LORD’S teaching on MARRIAGE and the FAMILY.
      2. Children are to obey their parents.
3. « Behold! I am with you always, even to the consummation of the world! »
   1. “Be not afraid. I have overcome the World.”