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**HOLY SPIRIT IS TRUE GOD,  
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By **Laura Kierdan**

The fruits of the Redemption, the graces that were merited superabundantly by Christ for all men through His life, Passion, and death, are communicated to us by the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. To Him is attributed the mission of sanctifying the world.

After Jesus had triumphantly ascended into heaven and assumed His throne at the right hand of the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit on a mission of love, truth, and sanctity to the Church. "For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go I will send Him to you. Many things yet I have to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will teach you all truth" (John xiv, 17, 18). The Advocate came on earth to perfect the work begun by Christ, to govern and to assist the Church until the end of time, filling it with holiness and the spirit of truth.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is true God and consubstantial with Father and Son, co-equal with Them in all things, in eternity, in power, and in rank. Because man is forced by the limitation of his intellect and the deficiency of language to designate the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Trinity, it does not follow there is the Third Person any inferiority or imperfection. Rather, we refer to His origin or procession from the Father and the Son from all eternity. He is called the Holy Spirit by Scripture because He proceeds from the Father through the Son by a single act of love and because He is the first and Supreme Love who directs and moves the souls of men to that holiness which is found in the love of God.

The Holy Spirit is one with the other two Persons of the Trinity in the unity of the Divine nature; yet He is a distinct Person, just as the Father and the Son are distinct Persons. The existence, the distinct personality, and the Divinity of the Holy Spirit are simply established in Sacred Scripture. "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one" is the testimony found in John v, 7. The New Testament relates the appearance of the Holy Spirit on earth in visible form three times. On the occasion of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, the Third Person appeared in the bodily shape of a dove; in the Transfiguration, He took the form of a bright and spotless cloud, and on Pentecost, He descended in the form of tongues of fire, all signs emblematic of Divine love, purity, and majesty.

Many other texts in the Bible describe the Holy Spirit as possessing the marks of a real personality. He has a will, for St. Paul says: "But all these things are the works of the one and the same Spirit, who divides to everyone according as He will" (1 Cor. xii, 11). He guides the selection of Bishops: "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as a Bishop to rule the Church of God" (Acts xx, 28). He gives commands: "The Holy Spirit said: 'Set apart for Me Saul and Barnabas unto the work of which I have called them'" (Acts xiii, 3). The Scriptures prove that the Holy Spirit is God by giving Him equal rank with the Father and the Son. To Ananias St. Peter said: "Why has Satan tempted thy

**Two Pastors Enlist**

Wichita, Kans.—In official appointments for the Diocesan clergy, the Most Rev. Christian Winkelmann, Bishop of Wichita, announced two pastors have been commissioned as Chaplains in the armed forces. The Rev. Adolph Strenzel, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's parish, with charge of the Hanston mission, has entered service in the Army and the Rev. Joseph Fisher, pastor of Cunningham, with charge of the Turon and Zenda missions, has joined the Navy.

**First Synod Planned**

San Diego.—The first Synod of the Diocese of San Diego will be held shortly after the first of the new year, the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, announced this week.

Thank God—I also—was an American!—Dorothy Webster.

heart that you should be to the Holy Spirit? . . . This has not led to men, but to God" (Acts v, 2, 4). And when Christ commissioned the Apostles to carry on His mission, He commanded them to go forth in the name of the three Persons of the Godhead: "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" (Matt. xxviii, 19).

The dogma of the Divinity of the Holy Spirit has always been taught and upheld by the Church and she condemns all who deny that the Holy Spirit is God. She expressly declares "that the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, is adored and glorified together with the Father and the Son." (The Western Catholics.)

**ST. MARY'S (Elmira)**

**CHANGE IN MASSES**

Masses on Sunday, until further notice, will be held at 7:45, 9, 10 and 11.

**ST. MARY'S CLUB** organized two months ago, will hold the first pack meeting, with all dues paid, on Friday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 P. M. in the school hall. Mr. Wood, Club Social Commissioner, will attend the meeting.

**Former Protestant Church Becomes School For Colored Catholics**

WICHITA, Kans. — (PNC) — Through substantial donation from "an interested friend," purchase of a frame building which housed the former Stanley Memorial A. M. E. Church here, was made possible and the structure, moved on property adjacent to St. Peter Church, after undergoing extensive alterations, will be opened as the first Colored Catholic school in Wichita.

The Rev. Otto Kriehel, Administrator of the parish, announced the purchase and plans, said alterations will cost approximately \$2000 and he hoped the school will be opened before the end of this

month. Between 20 and 30 children will be enrolled and will be taught by the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood.

**Two Priests For Navy**

San Francisco. — Two priests from the Archdiocese of San Francisco have been commissioned as Chaplains and Lieutenant (Junior grade) in the U. S. Navy Reserve. They are the Rev. Theobald Tillman, former assistant pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, and the Rev. Edmund Ford, former assistant pastor of St. Brendan's Church.

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Baptisms: Sunday—1:30 P. M.  
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