

The Sacrament of Mankind's Unity

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with God, and of the unity of all mankind.

She defined the Church as a sign. Again a biblical term — "A great sign appeared in heaven" (Apoc. 12:1). Now a sign is something we can see that tells us about something we cannot see — thus smoke is a sign of fire. And what is the Church the sign of? It is the sign of the presence of God in the world today.

In what does this sign consist that makes the presence of God visible to the world? The answer is — the people called by the Son of God and made one with God the Father and with each other through the love poured into their hearts by God the Holy Spirit. "The Church shines forth as a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is the visible sign of God's presence in the world: a people of God, a people called by God, a people united to God, a people united by God to each other. For after all, God is love and God's life is a community of life — a community of three Persons united by divine love. And so, the sign of His presence must needs be a community like that of the Trinity. Hence a community of love. Hence the great sign that appeared in heaven is likened to a woman, for woman is not only earth's loveliest creature, but the creature on earth most filled with love.

Thus when God first wanted to make His presence visible on earth, He called together a people — the chosen people. The very word "church" means "those called together." (If you trace the word back by way of the Roman ecclesiastical languages, "church" comes from the Greek ecclesia, which comes from the Latin ecclesia, which in turn comes from the Greek ekklisia, which is derived from two Greek words meaning "to call together." Thus the people of God in the Old Testament are also called "the church of God" or Qahal.) He made a covenant with this people; for He had chosen them, not for privilege, but for mission. He gave them a job to do; they were to be witnesses of God's presence to the nations; in the words of Simeon, "a light of revelation to the Gentiles."

They were not. So God sent His Son, the Son "called together" Israel first of all out of deference for her hallowed past. But Israel would not heed to His voice. Jesus Himself complained that it was like trying to put new wine into old wineskins. So He started from scratch; not from Jewish officialdom, but — from a tiny remnant, the God-fearing lowly ones — the anawim. From these He gathered together a small group of disciples. From these disciples He chose the Twelve — unlettered men. These would be the woman's crown — "A woman... with twelve stars on her head for a crown." He chose twelve of them, to show that this tiny community was going to constitute the New Israel, the true Israel, the new people of God, the true people of God.

After He had instructed them He promised to dwell among

Father Naab Dies in Florida

Father Leonard Naab, a priest of the Diocese of Newark, who helped out in this diocese in the 1920s died Tuesday in Hollywood, Fla., relatives here learned this week.

Father Naab, 78, was born in Germany and studied in Italy and was conversant in seven languages.

He was pastor of St. Anthony's Church here for a time and later of St. Anthony's, Elmira from July 1925 to 1927.

Funeral services were held in Florida.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, Jan. 15, 1942)

Need for new hospital beds in Rochester, already acute, would unquestionably increase as the years go on, Dr. Leo F. Simpson, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Staff president, told campaigners in the \$275,000 drive for a new hospital.

New Holy Family rectory being built in Auburn would represent a practically 100 per cent "Auburn Built" Home, the builders in charge announced.

Father Louis Baumann, CSS.R., a native of Rochester and veteran missionary, left again for his mission post in Ponta Grossa, Brazil.

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them as His Father had in the shekinah among the Israel of old. So on the night before He died He gave them the sign of His presence — the Eucharist. On that same night, He promised to give them even more! For this reason, He passed through the "red sea" of His death, having broken the limitations of His humanity. He acted in the fullness of His divinity, as true Son of God, and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell not only in this community of the Church but within each person of the community. He did this privately on the first Easter when He breathed upon them; and He did it publicly on Pentecost Sunday when He rained down tongues of fire upon them.

And why did He send the Spirit? To unify God's people by giving them divine life in baptism, and to make visible this inner unity by giving them divine love for God and each other, a divine love nourished by the Holy Eucharist. As a body with all its various parts gets unity through the life the soul pours into it, so this "body", this many people who constitute the Church, becomes one body, a communion of saints, through the life poured into it by the Holy Spirit in baptism. As a body is the sign of the presence of a person, so this "body" becomes the visible sign of God's presence on earth through the love that welds all its members into a community of love.

Thus by calling the Church a "kind of a sacrament or a sign," and not the Mystical Body of Christ, the Council has caused the biblical notion of the Church as Body of Christ to emerge more clearly. Body can be viewed dynamically or ontologically. Dynamically, as the instrument of the activities of a person; ontologically, as the sign of the presence of the person who acts. Robert Burns used the word "body" in this latter sense: "Should a body meet a body, — should a body meet somebody, a person another person. The function of the body is not just to be the instrument of the actions of a person, but first to make the person himself present. The great achievement of the Council

was to shift the focus from the activities of the Church to the Person who acts in the Church, from what the Church does to what the Church is — the body that makes Christ present in the contemporary world. This was the sign that drew men to the Church in the first centuries. It was not the liturgy. The liturgy was a closed door to all but Catholics (aranea diplomata). Pagans could know the Church only through her people — the people of God. When they saw, as St. Luke tells us, "how they were together, were of one heart and soul, had all things in common" (Acts 2:44-45), they exclaimed: "See, how these Christians love one another." They rightly concluded, "this is not the human thing to do. To get men, who cannot even agree on politics, united on the most difficult thing in

the world — religion; to get men loving each other, even when there are not ties of family, nationality, or race; there is something more here than meets the eye — truly God is here!

What a tremendous obligation this throws on all of us: primarily to be a sign to the world — a sign of God's presence in the world, a "light of revelation to the Gentiles." And the sign is to be the people of God themselves: you and I — to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth by the love that unites us, love nourished by the Sacrament of Love — the Eucharist.

No wonder Christ spoke so vehemently of love. No wonder He gave His followers only one law — the law of love: "By this shall all men know that you

are my disciples." No wonder St. Paul thundered, "If I have faith strong enough to move mountains and have not love, it profits me nothing." No wonder the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church abhorred heresy, unkindness, hatred, discord, dissension — anything that disunites! For disunity in the Church tears down the sign, makes God's presence less visible to the world and thus impedes the spread of the kingdom of God. "If men of good will are the overwhelming majority in the world," said Pope Pius XII, "and that good will does not prevail, it is because power is dissipated through disunity." In its decree on Ecumenism the Council gave as one of the basic motives for unity the fact that "discord... provides a stumbling block to the world, and inflicts damage on the most holy cause of proclaiming the good news to every her.

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The appointment of Cardinal Ritter for Cardinal Agagianian, the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, Msgr. O'Meara, rector of the archdiocese for the Propaganda.

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