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TRACT CORNER

Here is a tract pertinent to this season of Trinity.

THE HOLY TRINITY

(With acknowledgement and thanks to C.S. Lewis)

People often tell us priests: "The ordinary Christian in the pew doesn't want theology; give him plain practical religion!" But I think such advice is mistaken. Theology means *the science of God*, and I believe that anyone who wants to think about God at all would like to have the clearest and most accurate ideas about Him that are available. Right?

I think I know why some people are put off by theology. Suppose you have had a real experience of the presence of God, and then you turn from that experience to the Creeds. You might easily get the idea that you have turned from something real to something less real. In the same way, a person who has stood on the West Coast of the Island and looked out over the Pacific, and then goes and looks at a map of the Pacific, will feel that he has turned from something real to something less real - from the crash of breakers on the beach and the salt spray, to a bit of coloured paper. But the point is this. The map is only coloured paper, but there are two very important facts about it:

First, it is based on what hundreds and thousands of people have found out by sailing the Pacific. It has behind it masses of real experience and the map fits all those experiences together, whereas yours was only an isolated glimpse.

Second, if you want to go anywhere, the map is essential. As long as you are content to walk along the beach, your own glimpses of the ocean are more fun than trying to make sense of a map. But if you want to go to Japan, or want someone else to take you there, the map is going to be more useful than your walks on the beach.

Now Theology is like the map. Dogmas about God; they are not God; they are only a kind of map.

But that map is based on the experience of thousands of people who really were in touch with God - so much so

that any experiences you and I have had are very elementary and confused.

That is why theology *is* practical religion. In the old days, it was possible to get on with a very few simple ideas about God; but not now. Consequently, if we don't pay attention to theology (the map), that will not mean that we have no ideas about God. It will mean that we have a lot of *wrong* ideas, bad, muddled and out-of-date ones. And frankly, to believe in the popular religion of most people is a backward step, like believing that the earth is flat! When you come right down to it, isn't the man-in-the-street's idea of Christianity simply this: that Jesus Christ was a great moral teacher and that only if we took His advice we might have a better social order and stop all this fighting and bickering? Now that is true. But it is very much less than the *whole* truth, it has no practical importance at all.

If Christianity is only one more piece of good advice, then Christianity is of no importance. There has been no lack of good advice for the last 4,000 years (what about Plato, Aristotle, Confucius, Buddha?). A bit more makes no difference! But as soon as you look at any real Christian writings, such as the New Testament or the Prayer Book, you will find that they are talking about something quite different from this popular religion. They say that Christ is the Son of God, that those who give Him their confidence can also become sons of God, and they say that His death saves us from our sins. It is no good complaining that these statements are difficult. Christianity claims to be telling us about another world, about something behind the everyday world we can touch and hear and smell and see. If the claim is true, what it tells us will be bound to be difficult, at least as difficult as physics, and for the same reason.

Now, one of the points in Christianity which causes the greatest shock is the statement that by attaching ourselves to Christ we can become *sons of God*. But aren't we sons of God already? Isn't the Fatherhood of God one of the main Christian ideas?

And that, by the way, is probably the biggest difference between the Christian idea of God and that of all other religions. In Christianity, God is not a static thing -

not even a person - but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a Life, almost a kind of drama, almost a kind of dance. The Father begets the Son and bestows on Him all the Father has and is, and the Son gives Himself back to the Father in a torrent of love, who is the Holy Spirit. The union between the Father and Son is such a live, concrete thing that this union is also a Person, the Third Person of the Trinity who is God.

I know that this is almost inconceivable, but think of it like this. You know that when people get together in a family, or club, or union, they talk about the *spirit* of that family, or club, or union, because when the individual members are together, they really do develop particular ways of talking or behaving which they would not have if they were apart. It is as if a sort of Communal personality came into existence. Of course it isn't a real person: it is only rather like a person. But that is one of the differences between God and us. What grows out of the joint life of the Father and the Son *is* a real Person, the Spirit, the Third of the Three Persons who are God.

And now, what does it all matter? It matters more than anything else in the world! Each one of us has got to enter the dance, or drama, or pattern of this Three-Personal life. There is no other way to the joy for which we were made. If you want to get wet you must get into the water. If you want *joy, peace, eternal life* you must get into the thing that has them. They are not prizes which God could, if He chose, just hand out to anyone. They are a great fountain of energy and beauty springing up at the very centre of Reality. If you are close to it, the spray will wet you; if you are not, you will remain dry. Once a person is united to God how could he not live forever? Once a person is separated from God, what can he do but wither and die?

But how is he to be united to God? How is it possible for us to be taken into the Three-Personal life?

We must come to share the Life of Christ, a life which was begotten, not made, which always has existed and always will exist. Christ is the Son of God. *If* we share in this kind of life we *also* shall be sons of God. We shall love the Father as He does, and the Holy Spirit will arise in us!

We must do what Christ told us to do. We must be baptized, and confirmed, and then we must take our part in the Holy Eucharist. We must eat the Holy Bread that gives life, and drink from the Chalice that gives everlasting salvation. That is the way for us to "evermore dwell in Him, and He in us". That is what makes us living members of His Body and heirs of God's everlasting Kingdom. We can be taken into the Very Life of God here and now, and be kept in that life, until we see God the Blessed Trinity unveiled and face to face in Heaven.

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2004 PARISH SURVEY COMING IN JULY

On July 8, the 2004 Parish Survey will be mailed to all participating families. The form will be sent to each adult in the parish, so everyone will have the opportunity to express his or her own opinions, rather than having a wife and husband attempt to complete the Survey jointly, as opinions may very well differ.

This Survey is intended to assist the Clergy and the Vestry to make plans for the future as All Saints continues to grow. A summary of the results will be published in early August.

Surveys will be due on **July 23, 2004**. A return envelope will be provided so you can mail your completed survey to the church, or if you wish, put it in the collection plate on Sunday, July 11 or Sunday July 18, 2004.

Please give the Parish Survey your careful attention by July 23rd. Your comments and opinions are important. Signing the Survey is "optional," and no attempt will be made to code or identify participants.

Bill Jepson, Chairman
Development Committee

ANNUAL BOLINGBROOK PICNIC

On Sunday, June 27, All Saints had a booth at the Village of Bolingbrook Picnic, an annual event designed to showcase local civic and charitable organizations. We participated again this year as a way to help make our presence known in the community and to lend support to the Village.

In addition to a game for children with prizes provided by the Village, we held a "free raffle," giving away a small power washer and a set of matching deck chairs. 120 signed up for the raffle; both winning families live in Bolingbrook, and their gifts were delivered to their homes after the event. Everyone who stopped at our booth received a brochure on All Saints and a flyer announcing our Flea Market on October 1 and 2.

Thanks to all those who came to help with our booth: Father Hines and Deacon Schultz, Libby and Chuck

Bolton, Chuck Carr, Dick Konigsfeld, Mark Maute, Donnie Marini, Jane Munsie, Sue and John Peterson, Marie and Will Spencer and Marcia Wilson.

All Saints is a part of Bolingbrook. We need to participate in the major events of the Village.

Chris Hall and Bill Jepson
Co-Chairs, All Saints Booth

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN LIBRARY

Father Hines dedicated the library after Mass on June 6, 2004. The books providing the backbone of the collection are from the library of Dr. J. Howard Goddard (1910 – 2003), Joan Maute’s father. Hazel Goddard, Joan’s mother, was a special guest at the Dedication.

The library is now open for browsing and borrowing on Sundays after Mass. Right now our “catalog” is on an Excel spreadsheet until software can be purchased and the catalog placed on a computer. We are using the Dewey Decimal classification system. There is a section of Reference material which does not circulate (marked by red dots with an “R”) and the majority of material that does circulate.

The main subjects in the adult collection are commentary, devotional, and instructional, with several books on the history of the Christian Church and the Episcopal Church (more than one person has expressed interest in the history of the church) as well as Anglican topics such as communion. When browsing, you may notice some books you used in Sunday School many years ago! We have a very small fiction collection.

There are also books for Young Adults, and a Children’s section that contains some videos. Right now, the Children’s collection is housed in the library. When Sunday School restarts in the fall, it will be moved to the Sunday School room. In addition, children can take home the books they borrow in book bags stenciled by Chris Hall! Thank you, Chris, your talent is awesome.

I would also like to thank Deacon Blair, Marie Spencer, Libby Bolton and Rosalind Cantrall for the books and videos they have donated.

Members of All Saints may borrow books. The loan period is three weeks. Library procedures will be posted in the library.

I was asked about the “Wish List” for the library. It has been placed on the credenza in the Narthex, along with copies of the Saint Joseph of Arimathea book list, which in essence, is a larger wish list. The classification numbers of the books we do have from that booklist are noted.

Please! If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with the library, see me.

Sue Peterson

SUMMER CAMP 2004

Camp time is here! This year the Diocesan Summer Camp will be held in New Jersey at a facility that will offer even more to the campers than in years’ past. The camp week will be from July 18th until the 23rd. The camp is a wonderful opportunity for young people to make long-lasting friendships, learn essentials of the Faith, and have lots of fun. Brochures are available at the church office. Bring a friend, or two! Scholarships will be made available to those who need them.

\$100 MONTH CLUB

The College of Bishops meeting at Saint Thomas’ Church in San Francisco on April 21, 2004 expressed the desire that every parish and mission within the Province participates in the Hundred-Dollars-a-Month Club. This program asks that each parish throughout the Province donate \$100 on a monthly basis towards the Seminary in California. The Bishops announced that the priority of the Church lies in future vocations to the sacred ministry coupled with an active support of the Province’s seminary, Saint Joseph of Arimathea. All Saints Parish used to participate in this program but we stepped out when we took on the responsibility of sponsoring a full-time seminarian. Our seminarian has graduated and moved on to Holy Orders now, and therefore we will once again participate in the Hundred-Dollars-a-Month Club.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our ACW held their Annual Meeting on June 13th and elected the following officers:

President:	Barbara Jepson
Vice President:	Marcia Wilson
Secretary:	Jane Munsie
Treasurer:	Lilli Longinow

Ideas for outreach projects and fund-raisers were discussed. Our new and old officers will be meeting with Father Hines to discuss these and other ideas and issues that need to be considered this year. If you weren’t at our meeting and would like to express an opinion or idea, please let me know.

Marie Spencer, Diocesan ACW Treasurer and our MACW representative to the 2004 Synod in State College, Pennsylvania, gave an update on the meeting and calendar year changes the Provincial ACW has made. We will discuss how these changes will affect our ACW at the next meeting.

We voted to give Father Hines \$220 for Summer Camp to be used for either expenses or toward scholarships at his discretion. The Easter Mite Box money received totaled \$226.29. This was sent to the Provincial ACW, which in turn gives it to the Seminary.

Our next meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday, July 11th.

Barbara Jepson
ACW President

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

Sometimes it is difficult to comprehend how fast paced our daily lives can be, until we pause and take a moment to reflect. It has been a few months since the ACM last provided input to the monthly newsletter, and in that time spring ended, summer began and the ACM hosted their 3rd Annual Golf Outing. Hard to believe that three years have passed since we started this wonderful new tradition. Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated and contributed to a wonderful afternoon of fun.

As hectic and ever-changing as our lives may be, we take comfort and solace in knowing that All Saints has planted deep and lasting roots in the community of Bolingbrook, and as we continue to address our physical premises, we also continue to reach out within the community. On Sunday July 27, 2004, All Saints participated in the annual Bolingbrook Community Picnic. This was our second year of participation, and another new tradition we look forward to enriching in the years to come.

The ACM will be holding their annual election of officers during the July meeting, and any male parishioner interested in running for President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary should contact Donnie Marini prior to the meeting.

Yours in Christ
Donnie Marini, ACM President

PROVINCIAL PILGRIMAGE

The Provincial Pilgrimage to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin will be held on Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th. The Pilgrimage is an opportunity for the entire Province to gather at the shrine of the saintly Bishop Charles Grafton, who in his holy life was an icon of the Christian faith. On Friday afternoon, Father Paul Russell, Ph.D. will give a seminar on "The Desert Fathers". Father Russell is a recognized scholar of the Early Church and a noted academic among us. To hear Father Russell speak is a wonderful opportunity for both clergy and laity alike. On Friday there will be a National Clericus, a meeting of the

College of Bishops, and an Alumni lunch open to everyone for Saint Joseph of Arimathea Theological College.

The Pilgrimage to the shrine will be on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. Preceded by the Fond du Lac High School band, we will process through the streets of Fond du Lac from the hotel to the Cathedral. Saint Paul's Cathedral, which was built by Bishop Grafton, without parallel, is one of the most beautiful church edifices in the United States. It is worth visiting itself. Following the Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral and the pilgrimage to the shrine of Bishop Grafton, the pilgrims will celebrate with a lunch in the hotel and receive the blessed pilgrim's badge.

This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer and fellowship amongst all the Bishops and laity of the whole Province.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It seems difficult to believe that half the year is already behind us. But then when looking back, we have had a pretty busy year. And plans are already underway for more to come in 2004. But I wanted to focus on a number of upcoming events.

You have already read about the parish survey on page 2. The Vestry strongly believes that it is important to acknowledge the concerns of all parishioners as we make decisions that ultimately impact all of us as we continue to expand God's presence in our little section of his world. When you receive the survey, please take the time to pray about it and be thoughtful about your responses.

The Flea Market is scheduled for Friday/Saturday, October 1 & 2. In addition, there are some "special" plans underway for Thursday evening before the sale. Please try and keep these days available and help us to have a successful Flea Market.

We will not be selling baked goods and flowers at the Flea Market this year. However, we will be having a Bake Sale in the fall. We also will be selling flowers in the fall. If you didn't buy or see the flowers last year, you really missed out. The size and variety was stunning. This is a real good bargain for anyone who likes to add fall color to their gardens or planters between Labor Day and Thanksgiving (or later).

We will be making some dust in and around the church during the summer. We expect to replace the back door, which will include a window and also remove the glass enclosure at the front door. Both should make "traffic" issues entering and leaving and using the church a little better. Within the next two months we should have two stained glass windows installed into the circular windows of the church. They not only will be a welcome addition to the aesthetic of the interior of the church; it will keep parishioners who sit the first three

rows of the church from being blinded in the fall and spring.

Mark Maute

PAVING REPORT

Earlier in the year, the Vestry announced that it was committing its efforts toward the repaving of the parking lot as our major capital program for this year. We have run into a couple of problems. First, the engineering firms that were contacted have been less than enthusiastic in responding to our requests to do the design work. Second, their time frame and costs for the engineering are significantly longer and more expensive than we had thought. Consequently, we have determined that we should spend more time moving through the process. We hope, by the end of the year, to have the engineering work completed; and, perhaps the contractor selected to do work when the weather breaks in 2005. We may, toward the end of the summer, remove the front drive and do the immediate landscaping around the front of the church but the new parking lot will wait until 2005.

Mark Maute

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2004 IMPORTANT DATES

July 18th – 23rd Diocese of the Eastern States Youth Summer Camp
September 8th Enquirer’s Class begins (Topic: to be announced)
September 18th Retreat Day (Warrenville Cenacle)
September 23rd – 25th Pilgrimage to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
November 7th Annual All Saints Day Celebration

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