

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (10-2-22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 3—THE UNITY AND TRINITY OF GOD**

- I. Prayers (3 Minutes)
 - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
 - B. “Our Father”
 - C. “Act of Love” (page 6)
- II. Lesson:
 - A. True or False (page 25)
 - B. The Unity and Trinity of God:
 - 1. One God in nature, substance, essence: WHAT He is.
 - 2. Trinity = Persons in a distinct eternal relationship: WHO God is—God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit
 - 3. The First Person of the Trinity: The Father
 - a. Creator of all things visible and invisible
 - b. Eternally begets/generates the Son
 - 4. The Second Person of the Trinity—The Son
 - a. Through Him (Word/Logos) the Father created all things visible and invisible
 - b. “Only Begotten Son of God”—eternally generated from the Father
 - c. “Consubstantial with the Father”
 - d. Savior in the New Creation in the Order of Grace
 - e. Incarnate of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit (became man—the Word was made Flesh)
 - f. Suffered Passion/Death—Rose/Ascended
 - g. Will come in glory as Judge
 - 5. The Third Person of the Trinity—The Holy Spirit
 - a. The Lord, the Giver of Life
 - b. Eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son (Love, Power, Promise, Grace, Freedom, Truth)
 - c. Adored and glorified with the Father and the Son
 - d. Spoke through the prophets and inspired those who spread our Sacred Tradition by word or wrote what God intended in Scripture
 - 6. Divine Person: Perfectly equal and one in Divine nature but distinct in eternal relationship
 - C. Sacred Mysteries—Both reveal and hide:
 - 1. Reveal that which we can grasp according to our capacity

2. Hides that which lies beyond our capacity
3. Apocalypse/Revelation: Unveiling of Mystery
 - a. Draws by vision and knowledge to understanding, wisdom, and love—from words to relationships, concepts to Persons
 - b. We can come to an immediate vision and eternal experience of God but not completely comprehend or become God.
 - c. Divinization—Participation in Divine Life according to each created person's capacity

III. Table Talk Questions (Discussion Questions, pages 24-25)

IV. Mission/Prayer and Blessing