

## **Ministry Formation: The Trinity**

The Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith—everything we believe flows from, and back to, this mystery!

In this class we will examine the ways in which God revealed that He is One God in three divine Persons, and we will turn to the Church to help us in our understanding of this great mystery. We will also explore how this truth of the Faith calls us to embrace our baptismal call, and to share in God's divine life.

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To help prepare for this class, please read the following sections from *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and please consider answering the follow questions as you read:

### [The Credo](#)

#### [#185 - 197](#)

1. How does the first part of the Creeds speak of the First Person of the Trinity?
2. How do the Creeds speak of the Second Person of the Trinity?
3. How do the Creeds speak of the Third Person of the Trinity?
4. Can you see any connections in the creeds between the Trinity and our baptismal identity?

#### [#232 - 256](#)

5. Why is the mystery of the Trinity the central mystery of the Christian faith and life?
6. Does "mystery" mean that we cannot know the Trinity?
7. How did God gradually reveal the Trinity?
8. How do the councils of the Church help us understand the relationship between the Three Persons of the Trinity?
9. Do Catholics believe in one God, or three? How would you explain this to someone who had never heard of the Trinity?
10. What do you think St. Gregory meant when he wrote, "*I have not even begun to think of unity when the Trinity bathes me in its splendor. I have not even begun to think of the Trinity when unity grasps me...*" (CCC, 256).