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Fr. Danny Murphy – Trinity Sunday 2018

In my final year in the seminary, the major course was on the Trinity. It was given three days a week, an hour and a half for each class, throughout the entire year. The professor threatened that anyone who did not pass the course on the trinity would not be ordained a priest. The course concluded with a twenty minute oral exam in which we were to tell the professor everything we knew about the Trinity. Well, those were the longest twenty minutes of my life! When they finally finished, the professor shook his head sadly and looking very grim and glum declared: "You don't know very much about the Trinity, do you, Mr. Murphy!" Thank God, I knew enough to pass the exam and that was good enough for me, because I decided that that course on the Trinity had very little to do with my day-to-day living. Well, both the professor and I were wrong. The professor was wrong because

he presented the Trinity as nothing but dogma and doctrine. I was wrong because I thought that the Trinity had little to do with my day to day life. In a nutshell, the Trinity tells us that the three persons of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit are so in love with each other; so in relationship with each other that the three are one. The Trinity tells us that God isn't just doctrine and dogma, God is love and relationships. The Scriptures teach us that God is love, the trinity teaches us that God is persons in relationship. You and I are created in the image and likeness of God, so you and I are created to be persons of love, persons of relationship. When we are persons of love, persons of relationship, then we're happy because we are being who we are created to be. When we're NOT persons of love, persons of relationship then we're unhappy because we're being who we were NOT created to be. The sublime doctrine and dogma of the Trinity is really that simple! Let's take a moment please, so that we can think about the happiest moments of our lives. (Pause) Well, I betcha that some of the happiest moments of your lives are moments of love and moments of relationships – moments of love and moments when you knew you were loved. Those moments are happy because those moments were you being the way you were created to be. And in those moments, you were living the Trinity. The more you live the Trinity, the more we'll realize that everyone is included in my love. Everyone is included in my relationships – nobody is excluded, because that's the Trinity. I still don't know very much about the trinity from that course that I took in the seminary, but I do know that the Trinity has directed the course of my life!