The Commissioning of the Disciples
(Middle and Upper Elementary)

May 30, 2021 – The Most Holy Trinity

Overview
In this week’s Gospel, Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize the world in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus fully reveals the Holy Trinity to us. In this lesson, students will reflect on the meaning of the Trinity using sacred art.

Directions
A. Have students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions. You may have students answer them on their own, or you may discuss them together as a class.
B. Review and discuss the correct answers when finished.
C. Arrange your students into groups. Give them copies of the sacred art from The Trinity and the discussion questions and have them discuss together the painting. When they have finished, call on groups to share their answers.

Answer Key
Focus Questions
1. They worship Him.
2. All power in heaven and on earth.
3. Make disciples of all the nations, baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that He commanded,
4. He will be with them always.

The Trinity
Discussion Questions
1. Accept reasoned answers.
2. God the Father (on the right), God the Son (on the left), God the Holy Spirit (top center), and angels surrounding them.
3. As a dove surrounded by rays of light.
4. A flag of victory, representing His victory over sin and death.
5. A scepter, representing His authority over all things.
6. They are standing on a globe, or the earth. This represents their shared authority over all of creation.
7. Jesus' hands and feet bear the wounds of His crucifixion. The artist likely chose to paint Jesus in this way to show that Jesus ascended bodily into Heaven, where He sits in His glorified body at the Father's right hand.
8. Accept reasoned answers.
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