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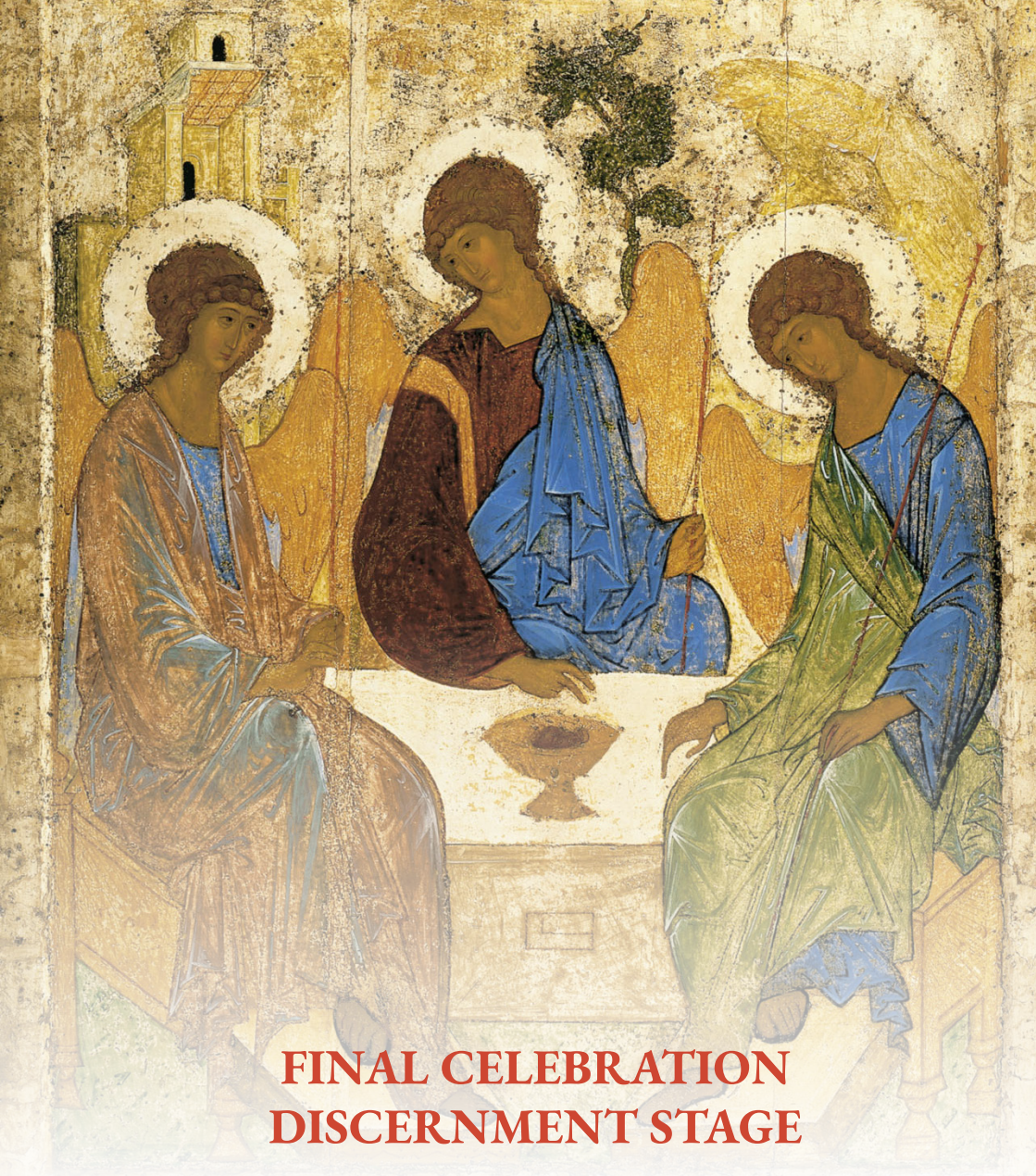

FINAL CELEBRATION
DISCERNMENT STAGE

Introduction

When the Discernment stage ends in the judgment of the formator, this celebration will be held where the person confesses his faith through the Creed.

CELEBRATION

1. 1.Entrance monition

By the fact of his Baptism, the Christian is attached to the faith of the Church, which is manifested in the Creed of faith. It is the treasure that the Church entrusts to every Christian as a sign of identity.

We listen to St. Cyril of Jerusalem:

ON THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

As you learn and profess the faith, adhere to and keep only that which the Church now gives you, the only one that the Holy Scriptures accredit and defend. Since not everyone can know the Holy Scriptures, some because they cannot read, others because their occupations prevent them from doing so, so that no soul may perish through ignorance, we have summarized, in the few verses of the Creed, the whole of the dogmas of the faith.

See, therefore, that this faith be for you like a viaticum that serves you all your life, and from now on you do not admit any other, ...

This faith that you are hearing in simple words now retain in your memory and, at the appropriate time, you will understand, through the Holy Scriptures, what exactly each of its affirmations means. For you must know that the symbol of faith was not composed by men ac-

cording to their caprice, but that the affirmations contained in it have been extracted from the whole of the Holy Scriptures and summarize the whole doctrine of the faith. And just as the mustard seed, which, although it is so small a grain, already contains within itself the magnitude of its various branches, so also the few words of the symbol of faith summarize and contain, as in a synthesis, all that the Old and New Testaments make known to us.

Watch then, brethren, and carefully preserve the tradition which you now receive, and engrave it within your hearts.

2. We ask forgiveness for our faults and omissions

Let us therefore prepare our hearts and ask the Lord to grant us the grace of sincere penance and fruitful reconciliation.

Silent examination of conscience (I become aware of my sin).

Pray:

I confess before Almighty God
and before you, brethren,
That I have sinned a lot
of thought, word, deed and omission.
Because of me, because of me, because of my big fault. That's why I pray to Santa
Mary, ever Virgin, to the Angels, to the Saints
and to you, Brethren,
that you intercede for me before God our Lord. Amen.

May God, who calls us to conversion, grant us the grace of true and fruitful penance. Move our hearts, so that we may sincerely be converted to you; may your strength heal and strengthen our frailty; so that,

having restored your love in us, the image of your Son may shine in our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

3. Liturgy of the Word. 2Tim 2:1-15

We hear the Word as spoken to each one of us. In addition, it is the inspiring text of the foundation of our Institute by Fr. Juan.

You, therefore, my son, stand strong in the grace of Christ Jesus; and what you have heard of me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men, who are capable, in turn, of instructing others. Endure the fatigues with me, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No one who engages in the military gets entangled in the business of life, if he wants to please the one who has enlisted him. And so does the athlete; He does not receive the crown if he has not competed according to the regulations. And the farmer who works is the first who has the right to receive the fruits. Understand what I want to tell you, for the Lord will give you the understanding of everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, a descendant of David, according to my Gospel; for him I am suffering to the point of wearing chains like an evildoer; But the Word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure all things for the elect, that they also may attain to the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

This statement is true: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; If we stand firm, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

This you must teach; and he conjures up in the presence of God those arguments of words, which are of no avail except to the destruction of those who hear them, should be avoided.

Be careful to present yourself before God as a tried man, as a worker who need not be ashamed, as a faithful distributor of the Word of truth.

4. Reflection

This is the work God wants: faith. This makes our life holy: the faith received, professed and lived. This gives firmness to our fragility: faith.

"By his revelation, the invisible God speaks to men and women as a friend, moved by his great love, and dwells with them to invite them to communicate with himself and to receive them into his company" (CVII, Dei Verbum, 2). The appropriate response to this invitation is faith.

By faith, man completely submits his intelligence and his will to God. With his whole being, man gives his assent to God who reveals. Sacred Scripture calls this response of man to God who reveals "obedience of faith."

To obey in faith is to submit freely to the word heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, the Truth itself. Abraham is the model of this obedience that Sacred Scripture proposes to us. The Virgin Mary is the most perfect realization of it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church nos. 142, 143 and 144).

5. Rite of delivery of the Creed

I entrust to you the faith of the apostles, the faith of the Church, the creed that I strive to live and that gives strength and meaning to my life. The creed that must not only be kept in the memory of the heart: it must be lived, and it is not enough to know how to recite it. I give it to you without writing with the confession of my lips, receive it as a light that has not been extinguished for twenty centuries; and bear witness in your home, in your work, in the midst of the world, to this luminous faith that runs through history.

The Creed of the Apostles is proclaimed with force, which is repeated behind the Forcent.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
(Repeats)

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only, Son our Lord.
(Repeats)

That he was conceived by the work and grace of the Holy Spirit. He was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
(Repeats)

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
(Repeats)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and eternal life, amen.

(Repeats)

6. Farewell

Formator: Do you promise to strive to progress and deepen the truths that give meaning to your life and that are contained in the Symbol of faith that is given to you?

Formanda: Yes, I promise.

Formator: May the grace of the Holy Spirit help you to live always according to the promise you have just made. Joyfully receive the symbol of faith and may your lives be illuminated by its light of salvation.

Formanda: Amen.

Formator: Live this faith day and night. You can go in peace.

Formanda: Let's thank God

7. Singing

A song that is known that speaks of faith (none is specified so as not to limit).