



Dear Friends,

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate and honour the Holy Trinity, the Three in One: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. What we are celebrating is not an event, but a reality. God is the Holy Three in One, a unity that gives us hope and helps us to mature spiritually.

In a talk Mother Basilea once shared about the work of the Holy Trinity in our lives. She used the illustration of two ships to demonstrate the wisdom of God's leadings as opposed to following our own will.

One ship is called '**My Plan for My Life**'. This is where we sit at the helm and decide which direction to take. We know what we want to happen and what we don't want to happen. We have every stretch of the way worked out. Why? Because we don't really trust in the wisdom of God. However, when the storms of life arise, we are unable to cope and, sooner or later, we suffer a shipwreck!

Mother Basilea challenged us to change ships and board the second ship, which is called '**God's Plan for My Life**'. Our Heavenly Father is the shipbuilder, Jesus is the helmsman, and the Holy Spirit is the sail. This ship is heading for a wonderful goal: The heavenly glory. En route it will stop at various ports, where we will have all sorts of interesting experiences. We can trust our Heavenly Father, who has already mapped out the route for us, to get us safely to our final destination. He may not explain the journey in detail to us beforehand and we may have to face various storms, but one thing is certain: With Jesus as helmsman we will reach the heavenly goal.

A sailing ship relies totally on the wind for speed and direction. God also sends the winds into our lives to keep us on course and to speed us forward in the race to the heavenly goal. Suffering, too, can be a tailwind driving us into the arms of our loving Heavenly Father.

Because the Lord loves us, He won't take us home to Himself until we are ready. And so we can trust Him implicitly. Now our task is simply to endure the uncertainty of not knowing when that time will come, and to believe that God is fulfilling His purposes. His ways are always different from our rational thinking, but He has the very best plan for our lives.

In closing we greet you with 2 Corinthians 13:14:

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all' (NIV).

Wishing you God's richest blessings for this Trinity season.

The Evangelical Sisters of Mary

