

## Of the Nature of Love

It is our very nature to love. Love is the fullness of our lives. Love is the most valuable asset we have. Love is the motive power within us, ever driving us forward. Love brooks no sluggishness in us. Only one who truly loves is impelled to big and rich action. Man is powerless to stall the craving of his heart for love. The ability to love without an object to love is a real frustration. Love alone incites us to go beyond the selfishness that resides in us. For us love remains limited, thus we are constantly in search of fulfillment. Here is where we come to the great realization that it is God alone Who can satisfy us fully. God has made us - all of us - for Himself. Only in God do our hearts find fulfillment and rest. Each one of us stands or falls by the love he has. Love must be clean for it to rest well within us. The one who loves must go out of self in order to possess the one object he loves - whatever that may be! The lover lives where the object of his love is, and not where he is himself. Properly understood the one who loves cannot resist the taking on the likeness of his beloved. If he loves that which is from God, he takes on the character of God and becomes one with God. He who loves sin and evil takes on the character of the devil and becomes one with him. We stand or fall by the love that moves us from within.



Father Bernard preaches on  
Trinity Sunday.



Father Abbot gives final Blessing on  
the Feast of Pentecost.