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Believing in the Trinity is the very _____ of being a Christian, consecrated by baptism in this holy and mysterious name.

Why Learn About the Trinity?

St. Thomas Aquinas recommends that we push our minds to _____ more deeply into this highest mystery.

Our minds will not be able to investigate it fully and in this _____ will never adequately grasp it.

Still, we hope to grasp it one day in heaven when we see God directly in the _____.

In this life, inquiring into the names and identities of the Divine Persons _____ our spirits so that our minds get some _____ of the highest truth.

Purification of the Mind:

To make this ascent with our minds requires the purification of our _____ and _____ so that they can apply truthfully to God.

When we're speaking about the Divine Persons, nothing in this world will be fully adequate to the Divine _____ and no _____ will be able to represent God without introducing some distortion.

The best place to turn for grasping something of the identity of the Divine Persons is _____.

| Proper Names | Names by Appropriation |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Names proper to a single Divine Person Designate what is really _____ about that Person | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could belong to any of the Divine Persons Especially _____ to or appropriated to one of them |
| Ex. _____ | Ex. _____ |

FATHER

1. The name Father can be applied to God simply speaking in so far as God is the _____ of creation and exercises a kind of providential _____ and love for creation.
2. In another sense, the word Father designates:
 - First Person of the Holy Trinity
 - Principle without _____
 - From whom proceeds the _____ and Holy Spirit

SON, _____, _____

"The _____ became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only _____ from the Father." —John 1:14

"He is the _____ of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Colossians 1:15

God conceives an image of himself that is a single divine _____ that expresses himself with absolute perfection, and this is the _____, the _____ of the invisible God.

- Consubstantial with the _____
- Generated or _____ by the Father
- Proceeds by way of _____

HOLY SPIRIT

_____ by Father and Son

LOVE

- Mutual _____ of Father and Son

GIFT

- Love is the _____ for a truly gratuitous gift.
- Points to the Spirit's aptitude and readiness to be _____ to human beings in the invisible mission of _____.

These names of the Holy Trinity give us a glimpse into the _____ of the mystery of God in Himself.

Comprehension question: What is the significance of knowing someone's name? What does it mean that God has revealed his names to us?