









Advent 2021

Dear Friend of Trinity House Community,

Recently, several **Trinity House friends reached out** to share their thoughts:

- "Trinity House Community really seems to be gathering steam!"
- "It's great to see and hear how the Trinity House ministry is growing and impacting the lives of many in the community. We're happy to be part of that growth and community outreach!"
- "You've been working hard throughout this pandemic on your ministry foundations, and now you're **poised to grow in 2022."**

As we received these encouraging words, we also received a flurry of invitations: to submit contributions to three national Catholic media outlets, to be interviewed for a podcast on the topic of "Parental Authority Under Fire: The Case for the Domestic Church," and to deliver our *Heaven in Your Home Workshop* at seven parishes in just the next few months.

At the same time—at both the local and national levels—the critical need for Trinity House Community's ministry was affirmed. Our home diocese released a 2022-2026 strategic plan that prioritizes "faith formation around the entire family" and "resources for parents raising children in today's culture." And this summer, the U.S. Bishops released *Called to the Joy of Love*, a national framework for family life ministry that highlights "the responsibility of Catholic parents to...build the domestic church as ministers of their home."

You can read about the details of the new growth and opportunities for Trinity House—and how the Holy Spirit is preparing the ground—in the attached **2021 Trinity House Ministry At-A-Glance**, but for us it boils down to one word: **gratitude**. **Our hearts are filled with gratitude for you and other supporters** whose prayers, friendship, and contributions enabled us this past year to deliver on our goals to:

- Bless thousands of parents with online and in-person resources;
- Film the Heaven in Your Home Workshop and make it available online for free:
- Redesign and expand the readership—by 55% since Jan. 2021—of the inspiring and practical *Heaven in Your Home Letters*;
- Launch our monthly Heaven in Your Home Gatherings as a replicable model for parishes to adopt as they seek to form and encourage families;
- Create promotional **videos**, write inspirational **articles**, and do media **interviews** to spread the Trinity House message;
- Celebrate **Trinity House Café + Market's 7th anniversary** of blessing our community with *a little taste of heaven* at the corner of Church & Market.

"I believe that the online Heaven in Your Home Workshop will touch many hearts and build up the Church and the family."

> - Msgr. John Cregan Diocese of Arlington

"The Heaven in Your Home Workshop speaks to the reality every family is facing. Ever and Soren provide needed vision, encouragement, and strategies. The workshop was a blessing to us, and it led us to refocus our daily family life more intentionally in light of the image of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we each bear as His children."

- Christian & Darcie Nielsen Boston, MA

"Soren & Ever's workshop is a much-needed blueprint for all Christian families seeking to...bring a taste of God's grace and mercy into their own homes."

- Theresa Civantos Barber Aleteia.org But with your collaboration, we're just getting started. In the year ahead, we are poised to serve an exponentially higher number of families. <u>To do this, we've set a bold target between now and December 31st to fund five strategic ministry goals for 2022:</u>

- Expand our weekly readership from 850 to 5,000, while completing a signature book to spread the Trinity House message for transforming family life;
- **Expand our Heaven in Your Home Gatherings**—a monthly in-person event where young families get the encouragement and support they need to make home a little taste of heaven for the renewal of faith and culture—to **5 parishes**;
- Launch our Missionary Program to enable young adults to spend a gap year
 at Trinity House Café + Market, serving the community while receiving
 formation for discipleship, evangelization, and their future vocations;
- Launch a Spanish version of our website, workshop, and e-letter;
- Continue development of a Trinity House Café + Market **franchise model** that can bless other communities with a proven ministry of hospitality.

As that friend said, "You're poised to grow in 2022." And with your support of Trinity House Community, it will be a grace-filled year of growth for many families too as they are engaged, equipped, and encouraged by our ministry resources.

Will you consider a year-end—or monthly, sustaining—gift to allow us to expand and deliver on our transformative online and in-person resources for families? If this is the first time you've considered giving—please know that, thanks to supporters who have already stepped forward, your donation will be doubled. We are so grateful for your partnership in this sacred mission. Thank you for your prayers for the ministry, and please know that we pray for our supporters daily!

With Gratitude in Christ,

Jam and Ewer

"At the Heaven in Your Home Gatherings, it has been wonderful to see all of the couples and families of different ages and backgrounds gather together to share their faith experiences and be open to building a stronger community, beginning at home."

- Mark & Maria Elszy Leesburg, VA

"Heaven in Your
Home was a powerful
reminder that my life
and my family need to
be grounded in the
Trinity."

Kelly Bennett
 Culpeper, VA

Soren & Ever Johnson Founders & Directors

P.S. Please enjoy the enclosed **Prayer to the Holy Trinity written by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906).** The prayer beautifully expresses our mission to invite families into the heart of the Trinity – and we invite you to pray for the Trinity House Community ministry when praying this prayer.

P.P.S. Will you consider joining a growing community of sustaining donors who are propelling the ministry with monthly gifts of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 and more? To enhance this option, we just launched a new Donor Account feature that provides you with the flexibility and convenience to manage your own giving, on your own time. After making your monthly gift, you have the option at any point to update a payment method, adjust your giving amount, download a tax statement, and more. To set up your monthly giving in just a few easy steps, visit www.trinityhousecommunity.org/donate

You can also donate by scanning this QR code.