

Trinitarian Foundations for Subjectivity, Solidarity and Subsidiarity

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Abstract

Since we are created in the image of the Trinitarian God, it comes as no surprise that the theology of the Trinity has anthropological implications which can serve to illumine the Catholic social principles of subjectivity, solidarity and subsidiarity. This illumination serves as a response to the modern and postmodern objection that revealed religion is prohibitive of human flourishing. Trinitarian doctrine, far from being a distant theological construct, is friendly to our being: it grounds our human dignity (subjectivity) insofar as each Trinitarian person has his own substantial being as a person; it grounds our communal nature (solidarity) insofar as the relationality of the Trinitarian persons is intrinsic to their personhood; and because the unity of the Trinity cannot absorb its relationality, it even points in some important directions for our understanding of the State's relationship to society (subsidiarity).