

God Creates Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 1**.

Saint Augustine is the patron saint of theologians, people who study about God. Augustine wrote about his personal relationship with God in a book titled *Confessions*.

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The first book of the Bible, Genesis, tells the story of how God created the earth from what was disorder and chaos.

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The sentence, "God saw how good it was," shows God's love for his creation and the value and dignity of work in God's eyes.

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We can see God's work in the visible world around us, and we can also look inside ourselves and realize that we are incomplete and part of a larger plan.

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The Holy Trinity is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is only one God, yet these are the three distinct Persons in God.

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Each Person of the Holy Trinity has a special mission. The Father created the world. The Son became man to save us. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to believe and understand.

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We can show our belief in the Holy Trinity by praying the Sign of the Cross. A prayer of praise to the Trinity is called a doxology. At Mass our sung expression of praise of the Trinity is the *Gloria*.

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Prayer is time we spend with God in our minds and hearts.

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The Preface, which recalls God's work in creation, begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

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We have the responsibility to love and care for the world that God so lovingly created.

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