

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

NEW LIFE IN GOD

Promise of Holy Spirit

- John the Baptist “ the one who comes after me will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire”
- “I have come to bring fire to the earth...” Lk 12:49
- “Something appeared to them like tongues of fire resting on their heads; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” Acts 2: 3-4)

“You will receive power....” Acts 1: 8

- to respond to God’s saving love
- To grow in the likeness of Jesus
- To be without fear as a disciple of Jesus
- To share the good news with others

Dusquene experience 1967

- Patti Gallagher Mansfield “I want a miracle!”
- Dave Mangan: “Where’s the dynamite?”
- Veni Creator Spiritus
- Sovereign activity of Spirit in chapel

New Pentecost

“Renew in our days your wonders as by a new Pentecost” (John XXIII, Opening of Vat.II)

“Open yourselves docilely to the gifts of the Spirit! Accept gratefully the charisms” (JP II, 1998)

“the summons to the new evangelization...we must rekindle in ourselves the impetus of the beginnings and allow ourselves to be filled with the ardour of the apostolic preaching which followed Pentecost” (JP II, NMI, 40)

Culture of Pentecost

- **“In our time that is so hungry for hope, make the Holy Spirit known and loved. Help bring to life that ‘culture of Pentecost’ that alone can make fruitful the civilization of love...never tire of praying ‘Come Holy Spirit! Come! Come!’” (JPII 2002)**
- **“I hope that the Holy Spirit will be ever more welcome in the hearts of believers and that the ‘culture of Pentecost’, which is so necessary in our day, might continue to spread.” (Benedict XVI, Audience, 2005)**

A Current of Grace

- **I expect from you that you share with all in the Church the grace of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit”**

Pope Francis Rome June 2014

- **“I ask all of you, each of you, that as part of the current of grace of the Charismatic Renewal, to plan life in the Spirit seminars in your parishes, in your seminaries and schools ... share the Baptism of the Spirit in your catechesis, because it is the work Holy Spirit, through a personal encounter with Jesus, which changes lives.”**

Pope Francis to International priests retreat

St John Lateran Basilica June 2015

Baptised in the Spirit

- Renewal of Baptism and Confirmation
- Personal experience of Pentecost
- Releasing of power of these sacraments
- New awareness and expectancy of the action of the Holy Spirit

Activity of Holy Spirit

Spirit of Love

- new fire of love for God and for others
- personal relationship to Risen Christ
- hunger for prayer; contemplation
- spirit of praise and worship
- capacity to forgive

Activity of Holy Spirit

Spirit of Truth

- revelation of who Jesus is and what he has done
- not a distant figure of past
- encounter with Risen Christ now
- Scriptures come alive in new way
- teachings of Church make sense
- liturgy becomes real

Activity of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of Holiness

- changes us to be more like Jesus
- breaking with sinful patterns
- fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace.....
- growth in virtue – humility, obedience
- new creation in Christ

Activity of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of Power

- boldness to proclaim (parresia)
- “you will be my witnesses”
- wisdom of how to speak; gives words
- opens hearts of listeners; convicts
- strength in prayer and spiritual battle
- signs and wonders ; external witness

Activity of the Holy Spirit

Spirit as Comforter

- heals hidden past hurts
- sets free from slavery to bad habits
- brings peace and hope when in trouble
- relieves fear and anxiety
- reveals self-worth, dignity, significance

Activity of the Holy Spirit

Spirit as Unity

- from isolation to communion
- independence to interdependence
- spectator to participant
- individuals to community
- service-station to face to face
- disconnected to belonging

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Repentance – clear the ground

Faith – “yes” - baptised and confirmed

Surrender – yield to God’s action

Ask for gift - Lk 11: 9-13

“I CAN NOT”

“YES” - with Blessed Virgin Mary