

constant noise of media babble. We are so busy, so rushed and so taken up with material needs, that we seldom make time for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Even if we do not consult Him for guidance, we can make a habit of listening to Him. This is essential for our spiritual life. Without it, our prayers will be nothing more than a pious habit and not a union with God.

When we do not ask for and follow the guidance of the Holy Ghost, we suffer three consequences:

1. The inability to distinguish what is true and what is false.
2. The inability to discern good from evil.
3. The inability to determine what is beneficial to our souls and what is injurious.

Who can know what God desires of us, whither He is leading us and by what road He will take us there? This power belongs to the Holy Ghost Who fathoms the very depth of the Heart of God and knows all His designs and His Will for our sanctification. We must be docile, attentive and obedient to the Will of God which is revealed to us through the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. We can be loyal to God through fidelity to prayer **BEFORE** everything, **ABOVE** everything and **IN SPITE OF** everything!

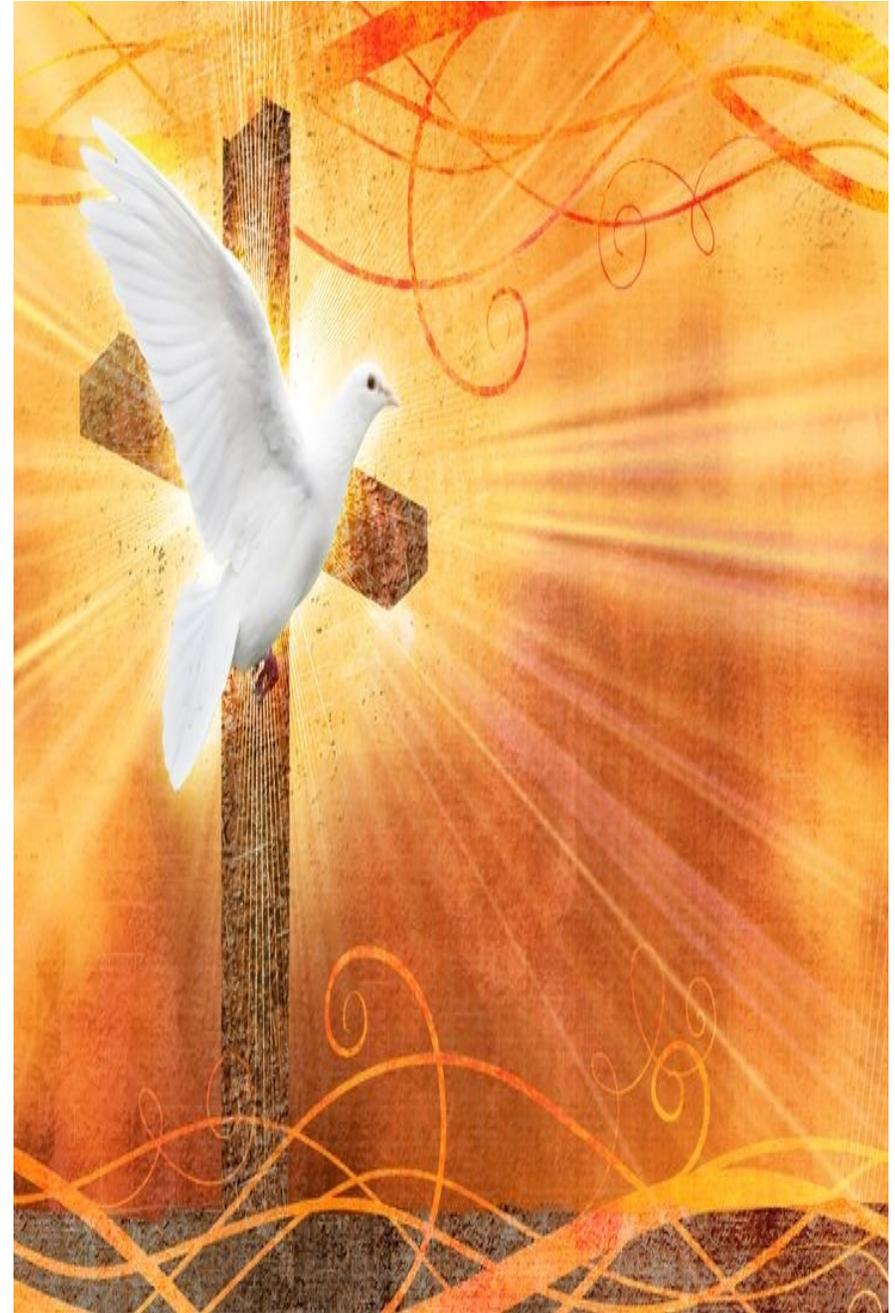
Therefore, let us wish what God wishes, for to do this is to be strong; let us wish only what He wishes, for to do this is to be free; to be both free and strong is to be capable of everything. The Holy Ghost will not possess us entirely without our self immolation, for only then, where we are not, **GOD IS!**

SHORT ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit of God, take me as Thy disciple: Guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me! Bind my hands that they may do no evil; cover my eyes that they may see it no more; sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me. Be Thou my God; be Thou my Guide. Whithersoever Thou leadest me, I will go; whatsoever Thou forbiddest me, I will renounce; and whatsoever Thou commandest me in Thy strength, I will do. Lead me, then, unto the fullness of Thy Truth. Amen.

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What can they want who have Jesus: His divine personal charm, His tender sympathy and His Love? Yes, Our Lord Himself said that the Apostles did want something: a Divine Person who is Love, so especially to be worshiped by love; a Divine Lover, whose office is to sanctify and make holy; a Divine Spirit who would make them Apostles! By strengthening their faith which was so weak during the Sacred Passion, so doubtful at the Resurrection, so fearful and timid after the Ascension. He would change them entirely. He would fill them with His fiery Love and make them yearn for sacrifice and suffering, even to lay down their lives for their faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit's coming would complete the Apostles' conversion.

During His last discourse, Our Lord poured out the innermost thoughts, feelings and secrets which lay hidden in His Soul. He had reserved so many things for this last hour. The seal He was to place on all His previous instruction was the revelation of the Holy Ghost.

Our Lord testified clearly and sublimely: [The Holy Ghost is truly Divine; He is the Spirit of God; He is the Spirit of Truth and Holiness, because by proceeding from Love, He sanctifies creatures and unites them to God.] That which God promised was not just a presence, but an indwelling. He would teach them all things, who, Christ said would be their Advocate and Helper. He would impart to them peace that would be solid, true and lasting. He would turn their sorrow into joy. In their persecutions and tribulations, the consolations of the Holy Spirit would inundate their souls, and they would be filled with the sweetness and encouragement of mutual charity. The indwelling of the Spirit. Who is the bond of love, would give their prayer its efficacy.

True devotion to the Holy Ghost is the last and dearest desire of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We need the Holy Ghost to love Jesus more, to have more power against self and worldliness, more courage, zeal, faith and a far greater spirit of sacrifice. We need more, a thousand times more, for each other and only the Holy Ghost can give it to us! The Holy Spirit is our Guardian, our Teacher, and our Comforter in every sorrow and pain. If we will only trust Him, He will strengthen us in every trial and suffering. He is the Treasurer of the inexhaustible riches of Christ.

Pentecost is the anniversary of the Descent of the Holy Ghost. He came in answer to the intense prayers of Our Blessed Mother and the Apostles who waited in prayer for nine days and nights pleading for His coming. We have no reason to envy them. If we wish Him to come into our hearts and we pray earnestly, do penance, have an intense desire and confidence that He will hear our prayer, He will do so for He desires nothing more than to communicate Himself and His Gifts to us and to abide in us.

The mission of the Holy Ghost in the Church faced an immediate challenge since the confusion of the tower of Babel remained. How could the Word become an instrument of the world's conquests and make one family out of all nations? The Spirit of Love annulled the separation of Babel and, once again, men were made brethren by the unity of language.

The Holy Ghost breathed freely and all the earth understood His language. The disciples spoke in their native tongue and the people from every land heard their message, each in his own language. When the Apostles finished their preaching and died, the gift of tongues, at least in its miraculous form, ceased! It was no longer needed.

During the Ages of Faith, the Church succeeded in given one common language to all the nations that were in union with Her. For centuries, the Latin language was the bond of union between civilized countries. However distant they were from one another, this link of connection was between them. The great heresy of the 16th Century robbed us of this gift and dismembered that Europe which the Church had united.

A new mission was given to Mary who had given birth to the Bride of her Son. New duties fell upon her as Mother of the Church which She would cherish, feed and strengthen. On Pentecost, Mary received a fresh infusion of grace to prepare her for this office. Mary had the first claim to, and the richest portion of, the Gifts of the Holy Ghost. The Most High sanctified His own Tabernacle. From that day forward, She acted as Mother of the Infant Church and, when at last the Church no longer needed her visible presence, She would quit the earth for Heaven, where She would be crowned QUEEN.

For all eternity, Mary continues to exercise her glorious title and office:

MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, CO-REDEMPTRIX AND MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES.

The whisperings of the Holy Ghost are so delicate that they are easily suffocated by our love of fine foods, bodily comforts, recreations, forgotten prayers and spiritual exercises and material concerns. Few realize the unfailing constancy of the Holy Spirit, because of their distracted lives; yet, there is not one of our actions in which He does not wish to take part. If we are to hear His profound whisperings, there must be silence within: no agitation and no selfish preoccupation. We must not try to fix the time of His visitations, the place, or the occasion. These inspirations depend upon Him entirely. We must not use force of our own, but wait for His illumination in humble patience. The Holy Ghost is kept at bay by our long conversations, noisy and fashionable companions, loud laughter, and the