



## *Essential Evangelization*

### **The Holy Spirit**

This Sunday is a very big day for our Catholic Church. Not only it is the birthday of OUR Church, it is also the big introduction of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant. Pentecost Sunday is also the first big evangelizing event in our church where hundreds who heard the apostles speak in their very own language were brought to faith in Christ and eternal life that day.

This Holy Spirit is generally the least understood Person of our Blessed Trinity. Yet it is the Holy Spirit who “wrote” the Scriptures and assisted the disciples in forming our Church. The Holy Spirit continues today as God's “communicator” and “miracle worker” on earth. It has been said that the Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus and Jesus leads us to the Father, and we cannot know God without the Spirit’s help. The Greek word for the Spirit literally means “wind” and is also known as the breath of God.

The Holy Spirit has worked in your life whether you know it or not. It is the Spirit who came to us in our Baptism to give us a clean slate from original sin. It is the Spirit who gives us real love for our family and friends. It is the Spirit who prompts us to attend our Sunday liturgies. It is also the Spirit who defines our conscience and brings us to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. It is the Spirit who is responsible for our spiritual fruits of peace, joy and patience. It is the Spirit who has also endowed us with unique gifts to share with our parish family. It is the Spirit who can bring tears to our eyes at a sorrowful or joyful moment, and it is the Spirit that prompts us to do the right thing. It is even the Spirit who brings us opportune evangelizing "coincidental" teachable moments where we can be a witness for how God has worked miracles in our lives.

Do you know the Spirit? Is your life evangelizing?

*No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.*

I Corinthians 12:3

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