

## The Holy Spirit - Called to Be Church

*Leader:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

*Leader:* Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

All: **And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

*Leader:* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created

All. **And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

All: **O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.**

**Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

### Insights from the Catechism

Through his grace, the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and communicate to us the new life, which is to “know the Father and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ”. (684)

The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son, is truly God. Consubstantial with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is inseparable from them, in both the inner life of the Trinity and his gift of love for the world. (689)

When he proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls him the “Paraclete,” literally, “he who is called to one’s side,” *ad-vocatus*. “Paraclete” is commonly translated by “consoler,” and Jesus is the first consoler. The Lord also called the Holy Spirit, “the Spirit of truth.” (692)

The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ’s faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit *prepares* men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit *manifests* the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He *makes present* the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to *bring them into communion* with God, that they may “bear much fruit.” (737)

### Questions to reflect on in small groups: (There are no wrong answers)

- 1) Who is your community? Where do you feel like you most belong? What is it about this group of people that makes you feel connected?
- 2) How would you describe the Holy Spirit?
- 3) Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit leading you? When/How?

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Side 1: Breathe on me Breath of God and fill me life anew

Side 2: That I may love the things you love and do what you would do.

Side 1: Breathe on me Breath of God until my heart is pure

Side 2: Until my will is one with yours to do and to endure.

Side 1: Breathe on me Breath of God my will to yours incline

Side 2: Until this selfish part of me glows with your fire divine.

Side 1: Breathe on me Breath of God so I shall never die

Side 2: But live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Side 1: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Side 2: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.