

ABLAZE KEYNOTE 2-12-17

PRAYER: “COME, HOLY SPIRIT”

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

- V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.
R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

KEYNOTE: THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGDOM—BURNING DEVOTION TO THE FIRE OF GOD’S LOVE

Definition of the Trinity from *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, John A. Hardon, S.J.

- I. Third Person of the Trinity—Coequal and Coeternal with the Father and the Son
 - A. Proceeds from the Father and the Son
 - 1. Internal, Divine procession
 - 2. One in nature, substance, and essence with other Persons
 - B. The “Love” of God—a Single Spiration
 - 1. Mutual exchange of Love between the Father and the Son
 - 2. God’s Will = His Love
 - C. Spirit of Truth—God’s Love expressed through REVELATION
 - D. Creator Spirit—God’s Love expressed through CREATION and RE-CREATION
 - E. The Sanctifier—God’s Love expressed through SANCTIFICATION (GRACE)
 - 1. Baptism: The Love of God infused by the Holy Spirit
 - 2. On-going Conversion
 - a. Increase in Grace
 - b. Refinement and Perfection of Likeness to God
 - c. Increasing Cooperation with Divine Inspirations
 - 3. Perfect Communion and Beatific Vision in Heaven
 - a. Intensive (before the Second Coming)
 - b. Extensive (after the Second Coming)
- II. Essential Gifts of God
 - A. Ezekiel 36: 25-27
 - B. Christ’s Heart/Mary’s Immaculate Heart/Fire of the Holy Spirit
 - C. Sacraments of Initiation
 - 1. Baptism—Water from Christ’s Heart and His Holy Spirit
 - 2. Eucharist—Blood from Christ’s Heart and His Flesh
 - 3. Confirmation—Fire of Love between the Father and the Son
 - a. Communion—Love (Exchange/Dialogue)
 - b. Communication—Proclamation of True Love (Expansion/Diffusion)

QUESTIONS

- I. Outside of making the Sign of the Cross, do I cultivate an awareness of the Holy Spirit and His presence and activity in my life? Of the Three Persons of the Trinity, Who receives most of my attention, and Who receives the least?
- II. What actions could I take to increase my awareness of the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and my response to His movements in my soul?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit"
- II. Mental Prayer: 5/5/5 (children) or 10/10/10 (teen/adult)
 - A. Gospel of the Day or Any Passages from Scripture
 - B. Stories or Writings of Saints
 - C. Passages from Theological or Catechetical Writings
 - D. Particular Decades of the Rosary
 - E. Visual Images
- III. Examination of Conscience followed by an Act of Contrition
 - A. Did I approach the Word of God with the Fire of the Holy Spirit in my heart to experience REVELATION as an expression of God's Love?
 - B. Did I see God's CREATION, though fallen and groaning for restoration, with a sense of wonder and gratitude to keep alive the Holy Spirit of Love within my heart?
 - C. Have I cooperated with God's Word and the inspirations of the Holy Spirit to allow grace to increase in me and to make me more like God in thought, word, and deed?
 - D. Did I permit the Holy Spirit to make my work today radiant and fruitful?