

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday


As we near the great Feast of Pentecost, the questions loom: Am I ready to receive the Holy Spirit in fullness? Am I ready to renew my Baptism and Confirmation commitments? Am I ready to receive and to help others receive new Pentecostal experiences ???

If we see signs of the miracle of unselfishness in our lives, we are probably ready for the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. If we are more concerned about feeding the sheep than feeding ourselves, we are probably on the threshold of a new Pentecost. If we are willing to go NOT where we want but where others lead us, we may be unselfish enough to receive the Holy Spirit on His terms.

The Holy Spirit want to come to us – but not take orders from us or to do our wills. Why should the all-holy, all-knowing and all-loving the Third Person of the Holy Trinity take orders from us who are finite, fallen and sometimes sinful creatures? However, if we are willing to die to ourselves, our selfishness, our egos, our non-generosity, our dis-concern for others and the like, than we can live in the Spirit of God.

By the grace of God, become more increasingly concerned about other people's problems, needs and Pentecosts. Then you are ready to receive again the Holy Spirit in fullness. As St. Paul says so powerfully, "it is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Paz en Cristo,



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