



SPIRITAN FAST FACTS

Congregation of the Holy Spirit:

Spiritans, or Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers

Founded: May 27, 1703 in France

Founder: Claude Poullart des Places
(Seminary of the Holy Ghost, 1703)

Second founder: Francis Libermann
(Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary, 1841)

In 1848: The Church merged the original Spiritan community and the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary

Charism: The evangelization of the 'poor' is our purpose. Therefore, we go especially to peoples, groups, and individuals who have not yet heard the message of the Gospel or who have scarcely heard it, to those whose needs are the greatest, and to the oppressed. We also willingly accept tasks for which the Church has difficulty in finding workers. (Spiritans Rule of Life, #4)

Motto: *Cor Unum et Anima Una*
(One Heart and One Spirit)

Generalate: Rome

Mother House: Paris

Priests & Brothers: 2,400

Priests & Brothers in Formation: 1,045

Where we serve: 63 countries (Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia & Oceania)

U.S. Parishes: 24

U.S. Province Website:
www.spiritans.org

Congregation Website:
www.spiritansroma.org



SEQUENCE - VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!
Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Pentecost Sequence. Lectionary for Mass in the Diocese of the United States, Second edition, 2001, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc.

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