

- **Story of the graduation party.**
 - **Middle class**
 - **Comfortable setting**
 - **Plenty of food and drink**
 - **Superficial discussion**
 - **Sitting there thirsty; afraid to take a drink which will fill the soul.**

- **The drink of water which we need has to come from within:**

- **Meister Echart: People have a vintage wine cellar within. He regretted that they seldom drink from it.**

We look for something in the outer world that has enough dazzle or spark. Then we try to put it into the emptiness of our inner world. It proves futile.

When we thirst for the Spirit we search for the ultimate meaning in life.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit overwhelmed the disciples of Jesus, filled their inner souls with special gifts and sent them as joyful missionaries to the ends of the earth. There was no inner emptiness on that day; just fullness of the spirit which overflowed into our world

Every once in a while we see the joy of the Spirit manifested.

Story of people of Africa. Many have so much less than we do but they are rich in the Spirit.

Children: rich in the spirit because they are open to the Spirit.

How do we identify the presence of the Spirit

Gifts of the Spirit in Isaiah 11: 2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, long suffering, humility, fidelity, modesty, continence and chastity.

John's gospel: Glorify the Lord in their life

Unleash the Gospel: Spirit filled virtues

- 1. The ability to forgive and reconcile**
- 2. Keep the disciples within the love communion of Jesus and the Father. (That they may be one, Father. Unique sign of the Catholic Church)**

We live in a time of divisions and broken promises: government leaders (can't agree on almost anything) , church leaders (scandal in the Church), personal relationships of life. People are broken, empty, they thirst for the Spirit.

Season of a special outpouring of the Spirit. Synod 16. Here are just a few paragraphs from the Archbishop.

We find ourselves very much like the apostles who were gathered in a room. Like them, our hearts rejoice when we encounter Jesus. Like them, he sends us on a mission and gives us the Holy Spirit so that we may go out and Unleash the Gospel.

God is pouring out his Spirit so we can continue the work of the apostles. The Spirit enables us to proclaim the Good News to those in our families, workplaces and communities. The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, gives us the courage to continue our missionary journey.

And so, on this day, I would like to announce the next phase of our movement to Unleash the Gospel: the renewal of our parishes. For the Gospel to truly be unleashed, we must refound our parishes so that everything we do ---- How we pray, how we minister, how teach and how we serve--- leads us to be more effective witnesses of the Gospel.

The next phase of our missionary journey will require prayer, innovation, and hard work so that our parish communities become what God made them to be: places where individuals and families

encounter Jesus anew, grow as his disciples, and are equipped to be witnesses of the Risen Christ.

Examples:

- **People in Campus Martius**
 - **Visiting our neighbors**
 - **People in our own families, neighborhoods, workplaces and schools.**
- 1. Start by reading the whole letter from the Archbishop in today's bulletin. (one page)**
 - 2. Read the letter from Fr. Patrick and myself where our parish is going in refounding ourselves in the Spirit. (It gives feedback on the May 19th Town Hall.) Fr. Patrick is specially trained in this area).**
 - 3. Come to the workshop this coming Tuesday and Wednesday.**

Let us come to the day where we will not only sit among those who thirst for life as I did at the graduation party, but know how to Unleash that life-giving Spirit which alone can fill their souls.

Spirit of God, come upon us! Renew the face of the earth!