

## **RCIA Teaching on the Holy Spirit St. Raymond of Penafort Church**

Before you watch the video teaching, take a minute to reflect...

1. *If you had to leave your home/job for an extended period of time, what would you need to do to make sure things function well in your absence?*
2. What do you know about the Holy Spirit?
3. How have you "experienced" the Holy Spirit?

### Outline of the Teaching

1. The Blessed Trinity understood our need to be guided: The Mission of the Holy Spirit
2. Who is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity: GOD
  - a. Present at Creation ("ruah")
  - b. Guiding Israel (as a pillar of fire)
  - c. Promised by Jesus
3. In the Sacred Scriptures: 1 John 2, 11; Galatians 3, 13 & 4,6; Ephesians 1, 13; Romans 8,9 & 8, 15; 2 Corinthians 3, 17, 1 Peter 4, 14
4. From the Creed
  - a. The Lord: YHWH (the name of God)
  - b. The Giver of Life
    - i. The gift of grace: moving always to make Jesus present (even before we know what is happening some times)
    - ii. Through the truth that sets us free
    - iii. Through the sacraments of the Church
  - c. Proceeds from the Father and the Son:
    - i. Our Father makes good on His promise (I will be with you always)
    - ii. Jesus desires to remain always (given fully at Pentecost)
    - iii. Given to Christians especially at Baptism and Confirmation
  - d. (*with them*) is adored and glorified
    - i. God is worthy
    - ii. We humble ourselves in the presence of greatness
  - e. Has spoken through the prophets
    - i. The Sacred Scripture
    - ii. The leaders of our Church
    - iii. The life of the faithful

5. What are some of the “images” used to depict the Holy Spirit? Water, anointing, fire, cloud, light, hand with finger, dove
  
6. The role of the Holy Spirit in YOUR daily life
  - a. Making Jesus present
  - b. Comforter
  - c. Guide

Reflection Questions (to discuss with your Faith Partner)

1. Is there a particular aspect of the life of the Holy Spirit that “speaks” to you?
2. Did the teaching help you understand the words we pray each week in the Creed at Mass?
3. Do you still have questions about the Holy Spirit (to be brought up next week at our Sunday Session)?
4. *Perhaps you can finish your time of sharing by praying to the Holy Spirit using this formal prayer of something on your own....*

**Come Holy Spirit** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Announcements

- Join us for Mardi Gras next Saturday at 7pm and meet more of your Church Family
- Plan to be with us on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> for our Town Hall on Youth Violence
- Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am Mass: Rite of Sending
- Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30: Rite of Welcome at the Cathedral