



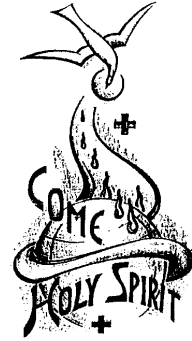
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“All of us are inserted in the network of obedience to the Word of Christ, to the word of the One who gives us true freedom because he leads us in the free spaces and open horizons of the truth. It is precisely in this common bond with the Lord that we can and must live the dynamism of the Spirit. As the Lord came from the Father and has given us light, life and love, so too the mission must continually set us in motion, make us restless, to bring the joy of Christ to those who suffer, those who are in doubt, as well as to the reluctant.”



Homily of Pope Benedict XVI on Pentecost Sunday

Dear Members of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association,

On Pentecost the Apostles came out of their hiding space in the upper room and freely proclaimed the fact that it was truly Jesus who was raised from the dead on the third day a few weeks earlier. There was no more fear for their lives but courage even to the point of suffering for the name of Jesus. There was no feeling of inadequacy but preaching with power that can only come from the Holy Spirit. All these acts of courage and freedom were possible because of the power that Jesus bestowed on them through the Holy Spirit.

In a very similar way we also received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacraments. Just as the apostles received their gifts of tongue to share the good news with others, each one of us also has received various gifts. Those were not given us for our own salvation and glory but that through us the mission of Jesus and His Apostles will be continued. By using our gifts we are to contribute to spreading the good news of God in any place and in any circumstance; we are to bring comfort and happiness to those we encounter daily and those we meet occasionally.

As a matter of fact the mission that was entrusted to us through the Apostles should be continually in our minds and hearts. This is what it means to strive to be obedient to the will of the Father. We are the ones chosen to bring the good news of Jesus to all and everyone not only to those we ourselves choose. Sometimes like the Apostles we will encounter rejection but as Pope Benedict said we should be *restless to bring the joy of Christ* to others especially to those who do not care to hear it or are discouraged to continue....

Let us pray that the coming Pentecost Sunday be a turning point for all Christians to embrace their personal vocation of spreading the goodness and mercy of God. Let us also pray for ourselves that the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus be visible in our actions and in our relationships with others. May the Feast of Pentecost that we are going to celebrate be a turning point toward freedom and happiness.

In the love of the Holy Spirit,

Sr. Elwira Dziuk

Blessed Pentecost!

Called by the Spirit, Embracing the World.