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*"The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, makes us sons and daughters of God. He involves us in the same responsibility that God has for his world, for the whole of humanity. He teaches us to look at the world, others and ourselves with God's eyes. We do not do good as slaves who are not free to act otherwise, but we do it because we are personally responsible for the world; because we love truth and goodness, because we love God himself and therefore, also his creatures. This is the true freedom to which the Holy Spirit wants to lead us."*

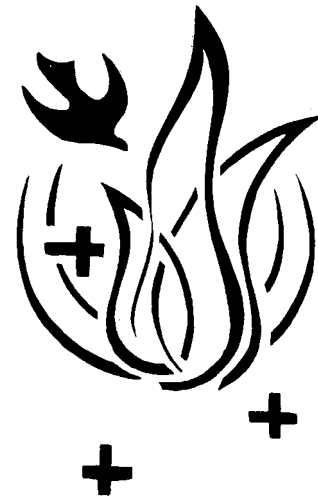
*(Pope Benedict XVI, Meeting with the Ecclesial Movements and New Communities, June 3, 2006)*

When we read the Gospels we learn that before leaving Jesus promised His Apostles a Paraclete. He promised Someone Who is going to be with them all the time till the end of times. Perhaps then they did not grasp the meaning of Jesus' promise. The true gift of understanding was given them on the day of Pentecost when they were all filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Only then were they able to move beyond the fear of the locked doors to the freedom of becoming true witnesses of the Risen Lord.

By entrusting us with the same Holy Spirit that the Apostles received at Pentecost, God has chosen us to be his witnesses to others. He has chosen us to see, act, love as Jesus did. This is the freedom that we are called to live in and out, freedom of the children of God.

Perhaps now is the time to begin asking ourselves the question: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? What would he do when it is difficult to deal with our neighbors, when it is impossible for us to show love and see the goodness in others? Do our actions reflect the love of Jesus spreading through us to others?

Let us pray together with all Christians the words of our Holy Father Benedict XVI "that the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost may be like an ardent flame and a blustering wind for Christian life and for the mission of the whole Church."



# Blessed Pentecost!

Sincerely,

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Sr. Elwira Dziuk

Called by the Spirit, Embracing the World.