

RCIA Teaching on the Holy Spirit

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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?
 - a. The Blessed Trinity understood this need
 - b. The Mission of the Holy Spirit
2. What do you know about the Holy Spirit?
3. How have you “experienced” the Holy Spirit?
4. 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
5. 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
6. 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
7. What are some of the “images” used to depict the Holy Spirit? Water, anointing, fire, cloud, light, hand with finger, dove
8. Is there a particular aspect of the life of the Holy Spirit that “speak” to you?
9. Thoughts, comments and questions?

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