

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

O LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT



Brothers The biblical texts of this Sunday prepare us for the great feast of Pentecost. They announce to us what will be the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and on those who will hear their word. The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the good news is spreading more and more: many pagans are converting to Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel reminds us that the most important thing is not to respect rules or traditions but to attach ourselves to Christ. It is "the path, the truth and the life". His words are those of "Eternal Life". He wants us to enter His intimacy with the Father and the Holy Spirit: **"If someone loves me, He will keep my Word, my Father will love Him, we will come to Him, we will**

make our home in Him." This is what happens every time we are going to commune: God comes to dwell in us, we become the temple of God. We are all invited to return to the heart of the faith and to be witnesses in today's world. It is the Holy Spirit who pushes us. That presence in our life and our world has shaken everything. It is not enough to respect a law and prohibitions. What is proposed to us is to dive into this ocean of love that is God's. If we do this, nothing can be like before.

This presence is much more effective than that of the time when He marched on the lands of Palestine. **Indeed, it is not only Jesus but the Father and the Holy Spirit who come to dwell in us. And if God comes to us, it is in the name of love that He brings us.** This love exceeds all that we can imagine. We do not forget that Jesus gave this speech on the eve of this Passion. He is ready to deliver His body and shed His blood for us and for the multitude. We baptized and confirmed Christians, we are sent to the world to transmit this torch. In this world, there are many wonderful things, extraordinary acts of generosity. **We are all invited to return to the heart of the faith and to be witnesses in today's world. It is the Holy Spirit who pushes us.** That presence in our life and our world has shaken everything. It is not enough to respect a law and prohibitions. What is proposed to us is to dive into this ocean of love that is God's. If we do this, nothing can be like before.

Peace is more and more threatened; many Christians are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ; everywhere, we are witnessing an increase in violence, racism, and exclusion. But we must not despair: this world is sick, Christ loves it; He gave His life for all. With Him, we learn to see others as he sees them and to love them as He loves them. He sends us to be the living signs of His love through our words, our actions and all our lives. In this month of May, we continue to turn to Mary, our **"Do everything that He will tell you".** Mother of Heaven. As at the wedding of Cana, she continues to say to us: "She was with the apostles who were preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in view of the mission; she is also with us to invite us to accept the gift of God.

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