

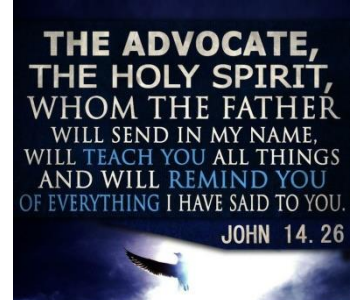


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RECOMMITMENT TO CHRIST

A Daily Choice

Many of us as Christian Catholics were baptized as infants. We had no say in the time it occurred, what church was to be used for the event, what kind of party was to follow and the gift registry. No. Our parents took the charge from the Holy Spirit to commit us to Christ and put us into the hands of God.



It was a good thing too. You see, Baptism is a Sacrament, an instrument instituted by Jesus Christ to impart grace to its recipients. While infants are customarily baptized on the 8th day, recalling the Biblical injunction to circumcise on the 8th day, it is not mandatory.

What is mandatory for a Life in Christ is to follow. It is done as an adult. It is a Recommitment to Christ and a Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire.

In all 4 Gospels, it is reported that John the Baptist tells us Jesus will baptize in the Holy Spirit. In other words, as a Christian, a follower of Christ, a Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to follow in each of our lives.

The Bible tells us that we will all receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of our salvation with the Lord. The Bible also tells us that we are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit the moment we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord, God, and Savior.

Your spirit has already been baptized with the Holy Spirit at the moment of your salvation with the Lord, but now God wants to take it one-step further. He now wants to release your soul with His Holy Spirit.

Now some may say, "I received the Holy Spirit when I was confirmed." However, what was the impact on them? Was it just another check in the list of sacraments?

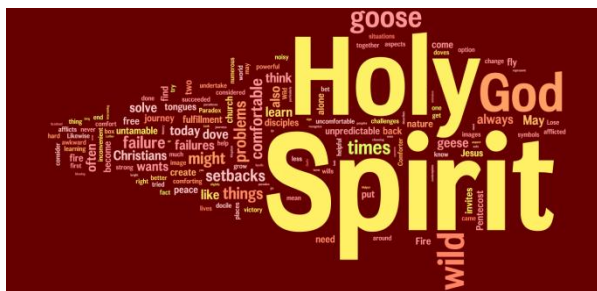
Some are not changed by Confirmation. They are like a glass of milk with chocolate syrup that settled on the bottom of the glass. To get chocolate milk, the syrup needs to be stirred up. And that is what being baptized by the Holy Spirit does.



Hundreds of millions of people have been baptized by the Holy Spirit. The changes in a person's life include:

- A better relationship with Jesus and a greater love of God
- Increased love of scripture - Scripture Comes Alive
- Improved prayer life
- Presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Is 11:2-3)
- Presence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)
- Presence of one or more charismatic gifts (1 Cor 12:4-11)

Let us pay close attention to Scripture and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom, His Work and the wherewithal to complete the specific mission given to each one of us. Amen. And AMEN.



1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 Extinguish Not the Essence of Life

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything, retain what is good.

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-6 We are the Living Body of Christ

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the country and came down to Ephesus where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." He said, "How were you baptized?" They replied, "With the baptism of John."

Paul then said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

The Word of the Lord.

Catechism

#797 *Where God's Spirit Dwells*

What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church. To this Spirit of Christ, as an invisible principle, is to be credited the fact that all the parts of the body are joined one with the other and with their exalted head; for the whole Spirit of Christ is in the head, the whole Spirit is in the body, and the whole Spirit is in each of the members.



The Holy Spirit makes the Church "the temple of the living God":

Indeed, it is to the Church herself that the "Gift of God" has been entrusted. . . . In it is in her that communion with Christ has been deposited... For where the Church is, there also is God's Spirit; where God's Spirit is, there is the Church and every grace.

#800 *The Church is the Temple of the Holy Spirit*

Charisms (divinely conferred powers) are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the Holiness of the entire Body of Christ...



Modern Comment

The Wild Goose - Baptism in the Holy Spirit & Fire
Formed.org

Focus Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced the power of the Holy Spirit? Please share.
See Charismatic Gifts List on page on page 7.

2. Did you experience the Holy Spirit when you were confirmed? If so, in what way? See Gifts of the Holy Spirit List on page on page 7.

3. What significance do you give the Holy Spirit in your life? Feelings?

**Baptize us in
The Holy Spirit
Baptize us with Fire**

Act of Contrition

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having
offended thee, and I detest all my sins not
merely because of the loss of Heaven and the
pains of Hell, but most of all because they
offended thee my God who art all good and
deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to confess my sins, do penance, and
amend my life. Amen

In order to be effective instruments of Jesus' life in the world,
you need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group

A Prayer for Recommitment to Christ

Precious Lord Jesus, I recommit my life to you.

I recommit my life to you because you keep calling me to your side.

O, Lord Jesus, I so often fail you.

Precious Lord, I am weak and I fall down but I cannot change on my own.

Yet, even in my falling down, I can hear your tender voice calling me to come back to you.

In the times of my life when I have turned away from you and I seek to live just for myself, I can feel your gentle nudge upon my heart to come near you again.

I am grieved Lord.

I am grieved for I turned away from you and I did not think about you.

I walked away from you because I thought of myself and my needs before I thought of you.

Now, I recommit my life to you because you still love me, even when I have turned away from you.

Now, I recommit my life to you because you forgive me so quickly I can hardly say I am sorry before I feel your arms wrapped around me in forgiving love.

To you I give all praise, honor, and glory.

In the name of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit who lives within me and touches me,

Amen



ACTION PLAN

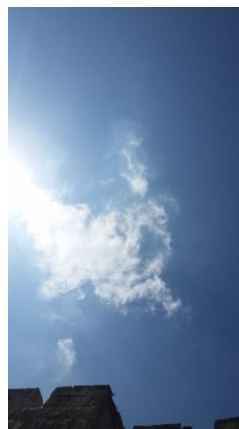
This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Recommitting my Soul to the Holy Spirit as God intends

Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant



"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Mark 11:24



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, give them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.
Amen. And AMEN.



Men's Group Calendar

7/22/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
8/12/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
8/26/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
9/9/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts.

Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love and serve one another.

It is not about us.

It is about reaching out in love.

Go to the Author of Life often.



Litany of Saints

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Holy Mary: Pray for us.
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael: Pray for us.
Angels of God: Pray for us.
Abraham, Moses, and Elijah: Pray for us.
Saint Joseph: Pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist: Pray for us.
Holy prophets: Pray for us.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul: Pray for us.
All Holy Apostles: Pray for us.
Saint Mary Magdalene: Pray for us.
All disciples of the Lord: Pray for us.
Saint Stephen: Pray for us.
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity: Pray for us.
Saint Agnes: Pray for us.
Saint Boniface: Pray for us.
Saint Thomas More: Pray for us.
Saint Hilary: Pray for us.
All Holy Martyrs: Pray for us.
Saint Augustine: Pray for us.
Saint Basil and Saint Gregory: Pray for us.
Saint John Chrysostom: Pray for us.
Saint Catherine: Pray for us.
Saint Teresa d'Avila: Pray for us.
Saint Patrick and Saint Barbara: Pray for us.
Saint Benedict: Pray for us.
Saint Ignatius: Pray for us.
Saint Clare and Saint Ann: Pray for us.
Saint Francis Xavier: Pray for us.

Saint Vincent de Paul: Pray for us.
Saint Elizabeth: Pray for us.
Saint Therese & Saint Joan of Arc: Pray for us.
Saint John Vianney: Pray for us.
All holy men and women: Pray for us.
Lord, be merciful: Lord, save your people.
From all harm: Lord, save your people.
From every sin: Lord, save your people.
From all temptations: Lord, save your people.
From everlasting death: Lord, save your people.
By your coming among us: Lord, save your people.
By your death and rising to new life:
Lord, save your people.
By the gift of the Holy Spirit:
Lord, save your people.
Be merciful to us sinners: Lord, hear our prayer.
Guide and protect your holy church:
Lord, hear our prayer.
Bring all peoples together in trust and peace:
Lord, hear our prayer.
Strengthen us in service: Lord, hear our prayer.
Jesus, Son of the living God: Lord, hear our prayer.
Christ, hear us: Christ, hear us.
Praise the Lord, who is so good: God's love endures forever.
Praise the God of gods: God's love endures forever.
Praise the Lord of lords: God's love endures forever.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer:
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen. And AMEN.

"REPENT THEN. AND TURN
TO GOD, SO THAT YOUR
SINS MAY BE WIPE OUT,
THAT TIMES OF
REFRESHING MAY COME
FROM THE LORD."
ACTS 3:19



You are God's representative on Earth. When you Bless and encourage the people in your life, you are revealing God's love for them.

Evidence of the Holy Spirit

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1.	Wisdom
2.	Understanding
3.	Counsel
4.	Strength
5.	Knowledge
6.	Fear of the Lord
7.	Piety

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.



Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1. Charity	2. Joy
3. Peace	4. Patience
5. Kindness	6. Goodness
7. Long-suffering	8. Humility/Gentleness
9. Fidelity/Faithfulness	10. Modesty
11. Continence/Self-control	12. Chastity



Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Prophecy — A person gives God's message for the community or for an individual.
2. Tongues — A person gives God's message for the community that is present, but he speaks in a language unknown to him and others and Interpreting Tongues.
3. Faith — Enables a person at a given moment, without human reasoning or sense of doubt; to ask or to speak in the name of Jesus in such a way that what he says or asks must come to pass. This kind of faith can literally move mountains.
4. Healing — Enables a person to be God's instrument in bringing about the well-being of another person who is sick in a Physical, Mental or Spiritual sense.
5. Miracles — is a passing manifestation of God's power whereby some obstacle is removed or some opportunity is seized in a very special way, so that it could only come from God's intervention into human affairs. This gift is a sign of God's presence and power and, therefore, often a source of belief to many.
6. Word of Wisdom — A person is granted an insight into God's plan in a given situation and is enabled to put this into words of advice or of direction.
7. Word of Knowledge — A person is granted an insight into a divine mystery or facet of man's relation to God and is enabled to put this into a word that helps others to grasp the mystery.
8. Discernment — A person is enabled to know the source of an inspiration or action, whether it came from the Holy Spirit, his own human spirit, or from the evil spirit

