

Catholic Culture Update #39

Quote to carry through the week

“Lord, send our your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.” Psalm 104:30

June 5 is Pentecost Sunday. Practice of Hope > Today we celebrate the birth of the Church. God fills us with the Holy Spirit so that we will participate in his Son’s mission to bring everyone into his kingdom.

- ✚ Offer this prayer throughout the week: 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. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- ✚ Consider becoming part of liturgical ministry, or reflect on how you have grown through the ministry you already do.
- ✚ Enkindle hope in God’s kingdom by volunteering in some way in your local community.” AT HOME with the WORD 2022, Liturgy Training Publications, page 89

Scripture Insights > This joyous Solemnity of Pentecost brings the Easter season to a conclusion. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that his Father will send them the Holy Spirit, and we witness this promise brought to fulfillment in the reading from Acts. How is this Spirit manifested in Acts? It is noisy, powerful, fiery, and enabling. Those who received the Spirit were able to speak in different languages. Thus, “devout Jews from every nation under heaven” (2:5) who were staying in Jerusalem were able to understand what was proclaimed to them. This event has sometimes been understood as a reversal of the event of the Tower of Babel, a time when people challenged God through their desire for power. As a result, God confused their language and scattered them over the earth. The power of the first reading is reinforced in the refrain from the responsorial psalm: “Lord. Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.” This hymn of praise recognizes God as creator of all and understands that without God’s breath of life, we perish. Paul’s text from the Letter to the Romans also recognizes the power of God’s life-giving Spirit. Paul reminds us that if we embrace this Spirit, if the Spirit dwells within us, we are children of God and heirs with Christ. Accepting such a gift has consequences. Like Christ, we will suffer, but we also will be glorified with him.

- ✚ Spend time in quiet with the words, “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, their heirs.” Let the words speak to you, Respond to God in prayer.
- ✚ Some patristic authors identified seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Which of these gifts would you like to pray for today? How would this gift help you to be a better disciple?

✚ Pray the response from today's responsorial psalm. How do you envision God renewing the face of the earth?" AT HOME with the WORD 2022, Liturgy Training Publications, page 89

"June 5 is **World Environment Day**. The United Nations began this annual observance in 1972 to raise awareness of environmental issues and to encourage environmental action in communities across the planet. Hundreds of thousands of people have responded to the challenge, whether planting trees in Afghanistan or setting up new compost stations in Argentina. Such actions are key at a time when half the world's wetlands and three-quarters of its fish stocks are depleted. Species extinction is occurring at 1000 times the natural rate. This day expresses hope that "every year, everywhere, everyone" can be about the crucial change that's needed (Press Release, World Environmental Day, 2011)." Companion to the Calendar – A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, page 81.

June 6 is the memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop. "St. Norbert (1080-1134), a subdeacon and canon in the Rhineland, had a conversion experience similar to St. Paul's, in which he was thrown from a horse during a violent thunderstorm. Following this event he had a change of heart, a growing awareness of the need to renounce the trappings of the world and to preach reform. His preaching led him to the valley of Premontre, where he laid the framework, along with 13 disciples, for a reform movement that became known as the Canons Regular of Premontre, the Premonstratensians, or Norbertines. These Norbertines lived together according to the Rule of St. Augustine, wore a simple white habit, and challenged the clergy through preaching and example to recommit themselves to celibacy and simplicity. Although their message was not always received well among the clergy, more and more young men felt called to join the Norbertine. Because of his extraordinary leadership and reforming spirit, St. Norbert was appointed archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany." Companion to the Calendar – A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, page 81.

The virtues of the month of June is Justice / La justice – Gwayakwaadiziwin, Kintohpatatin

The grandfathers teach that honest is very important. We take an oath when we speak in a court of law to speak the truth. "**Gwayakwaadiziwin—Honesty**: Honesty in facing a situation is to be brave. Always be honest in word and action. Be honest first with yourself, and you will more easily be able to be honest with others. In the Anishinaabe language, this word can also mean "righteousness.""

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teachings_of_the_Seven_Grandfathers

Our Mission Statement –Rooted in Jesus Christ – This Pentecost, let us ask the Holy Spirit, to activate our baptism in such a way that we feel rooted in Jesus Christ anew.

Strategic Directions – Success and Well-Being of our Students

We will foster a culture of high standards and excellence. Every student can achieve the potential that they have if instruction is provided with multiple entry points and support that is appropriate for them.

Twenty-first Century Learning

<http://wccm.org/> > World Community for Christian Meditation > This is a site for Christian Meditation for teachers and students alike.

www.CARFLEO.org > best kept secret for religious education teachers of every grade

<http://www.faithcommongood.org> > Join us on **June 8**, for [Youth-Led Climate Action: An Interfaith Conversation](#). Young Canadians of diverse faith backgrounds are addressing climate change and taking action to protect the environment.

A Blog for Eclectic Readers – by Pat Carter csj

The Heist by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg, 2013. This is the first novel in the Fox and O'Hare series with Lee Goldberg. Fox is a FBI top 10 most wanted criminal. O'Hare is a FBI agent bent on track Fox down and putting him away for this crimes. In the Heist the FBI invites Fox to work with O'Hare so that they can get a thief who has cheated many people of their life savings. Being able to think like a crook assist Fox to set up an elaborate ruse with his crew. It is laugh out loud funny. Pure entertainment. I give this book 😊😊😊😊😊/5 happy faces.

Taking Jesus to the Movies ...A blog by Sister Pat

Downton Abbey: A New Era. 2022, based on the TV series by the same name. This story line picks up where the first movie ended. The era is the late 1920s. The characters are in their upstairs and downstairs roles. The costuming is magnificent. The family visits the South of France. I cannot say too much more because I do not want to give any plot away, but needless to say, I am seeing it for a second time this evening, so I give it 6 stars. I give this movie ♥♥♥♥♥/5

Catholic WORD of the Week – For Those Who Read to the end...Just like the credits at the movies

“World Council of Churches (WCC) > An international organization representing one hundred forty-seven Protestant and Orthodox churches, established in 1948 with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Its establishment was the outcome of discussions underway throughout the preceding decades and stimulated by an increasingly influential ecumenical concern in the various branches of Christianity. The First Assembly (held at Amsterdam) stated that its chief objective was to “hasten international reconciliation through its own members and through the cooperation of all Christian churches and of all men of good will.” Although, generally speaking, the World Council of Churches has been a force for social good, its doctrinal positions have

sometimes provoked considerable controversy and criticism. Although the Catholic Church has not joined the World Council of Churches, it has permanent cooperative relationships with the WCC, especially in the area of social justice.” Our Sunday Visitor’s CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA, page 970