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SUPERVENIENTIS SPIRITUS SANCTI IN VOS ET ERITIS MIHI TESTES • a]a]huyesqe dumamin epel gonto~ tou Agiou Pneumato~

2 For week starting January 13, 2008

[The Trailblazers organizational staff, WYD 2005, in Cologne, Germany.]



Australia Fact
Under ideal viewing conditions, like in the Australian Outback (their big desert) the naked eye can detect about 5,780 stars in Australia.

How to use this page

1. If possible, take this page to the Church, and pray before the Tabernacle, where Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.
2. Start with the "Prayer."
3. Read each of the squares, and meditate:
 - What do these words mean?
 - How can these words help me become more like Jesus, the Lord?
4. Finish with the "Know Yourself" section.
5. Take notes! If you have good ideas, you can share them, for example, with your youth group.

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Prayer
Light most blessed, shine on the hearts of your faithful – even into their darkest corners; for without your aid, man can do nothing good, and everything is harmful. Give your faithful reward for their virtuous acts; give them a death that ensures salvation; give them unending bliss. Amen

Trailblazers' preparation for World Youth Day 2008
"Let those prepare their hearts who fear the Lord"
(Sir 2:17)

Scripture
Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you and will be in you." (Jn 14:16-17)

Reflection
"Grace" is the life of God in the soul. This is also called "sanctifying" or "habitual" grace, when it is contrasted with those "helps" which God gives to all, saints and sinners, baptized and non-baptized, to know, love and serve him. These helps are called "actual graces."

Know the Pope
Pope Benedict XVI was elected on April 19, 2005. He was only the second non-Italian to be elected Pope in almost 500 years.

Pope Quote
"It is very important that each one of you young people reflect on this Principal Agent (the Holy Spirit) of Salvation History to recognize the Spirit's true identity, to become clearly aware of his continuous, active presence in the life of the Church." (M-1)

In which chapter is today's Via?
▶ 1. Spirit of Truth
2. Spirit of Fortitude
3. Spirit of Love
4. Spirit of Witness

"Know Yourself"

1. Have I opened up all the corners of my soul to God, or are there things I try to hide from Him?
2. Is there any sin I love more than God's Grace?
3. Am I honest about myself, both the good things and the bad?

Group Discussion

1. Can we identify any of the ways in which God the Holy Spirit has made his presence known to the Church and the World in the course of history?
2. Discuss what it was like for each of us when we received the sacrament of confirmation.