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### Prayer

Kindly Paraclete, in Your gracious visits to man's soul You bring relief and consolation. If it is weary with toil, You bring it ease; in heat, refreshment; in tears, comfort. Come, Holy Spirit, and from heaven direct on man the rays of your light. Come, father of the poor; come, giver of God's gifts; come, light of men's hearts. Amen. (VSS)

### Know the Pope

Pope Benedict XVI was ordained a priest June 29, 1951, at age 24. In 1953 he obtained a doctorate in theology. Four years later, he qualified as a university teacher. He then taught dogma and fundamental theology at the higher school of philosophy and theology of Freising, then in Bonn from 1959 to 1969, Muenster from 1963 to 1966, and Tuebinga from 1966 to 1969.

### In which chapter is today's Via?

1. Spirit of Truth
- ▶ 2. Spirit of Fortitude
3. Spirit of Love
4. Spirit of Witness



### Trailblazers' preparation for World Youth Day 2008

**"Let those prepare their hearts who fear the Lord" (Sir 2:17)**

### Scripture

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God... We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (1 Jn 4:1-3, 6)

### Pope Quote

"It is precisely the presence of the Spirit within us that confirms, constitutes and builds our person on the very Person of Jesus crucified and risen. So let us become familiar with the Holy Spirit in order to be familiar with Jesus." (M-5)

### "Know Yourself"

1. Do I imagine any sort of "competition" between Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
2. If I feel an "inspiration" to do or think something, what do I do in order to discern whether it's from God or not?

### Reflection

"Spirit" can mean real, living things: there's the Holy Spirit, angels, demons, and deceased men. "Spirit" can also mean a tendency to judge, think, act, will or desire in one way or another. And so "spirits" can lead us to have a "spirit." In the spiritual life it is important to know that not every spirit is the Holy Spirit, and not every mood of ours is caused by the Holy Spirit. So we need to discern. This is what St. John is referring to in this week's scripture reading.

### Group Discussion

1. What are some of the false prophets, or even false teachings, prevalent in the world today?
2. In discussion, try to describe what it is like to receive consolation in prayer.

**6** For week starting February 10, 2008

Pilgrims in Cologne preparing for a hazy ferry ride on the Rhine.



### Australia Fact

Time in Australia: There are three time zones. We will be in Australian Eastern Standard Time (EST or AEST) in Melbourne and Sydney. If you look up the time, know that it is "UTC/GMT +10 hours." Remember also that the International Date Line stands between us and Australia, so Australia is a day ahead of the USA.

### 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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