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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008  
**TRAILBLAZERS**  
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

**7** For week starting February 17, 2008

SUPERVENIENTIS SPIRITUS SANCTI IN VOS ET ERITIS MIHI TESTES • a! I a; I h y e s q e d u m a m i n e p e l g o n t o ~ t o u A g i o u P n e u m a t o ~

**Prayer**  
Holy Spirit, may the sacrament of Confirmation not go forgotten in my life. May it draw me closer to spiritual perfection, which consists in ever growing love for You above all things, and for my neighbor as myself. May my Confirmation give me strength and courage to combat my evil habits and to become a true soldier of Jesus Christ, ready to suffer anything rather than conceal or renounce my faith. Amen. (GM)

**Know the Pope**  
From 1969, Pope Benedict (then Fr. Ratzinger) was a professor of dogmatic theology and of the history of dogma at the University of Regensburg and vice president of the same university. In 1962 he became a consultant at the Second Vatican Council. In March 1977, Pope Paul VI elected him archbishop of Munich and Freising and on May 28, 1977, he was ordained a bishop.

**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**  
When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17)

**Reflection**  
The Holy Spirit is given to us through the Church; in the beginning, through the Apostles; and after them, through their successors, the bishops. Pope Benedict XVI is the successor of the Apostle Peter, who was the prince of the Apostles and the head of them all. The Spirit leads souls to unity in the Catholic Church, a unity manifested visibly by unity with the successor of Peter, the Pope.

**Pope Quote**  
"Those who have received the sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation should remember that they have become 'temples of the Spirit': God lives within them. Always be aware of this and strive to allow the treasure within you to bring forth fruits of holiness." (M-6)

**"Know Yourself"**  
1. Do I ever think of my Confirmation?  
2. Do I live up to my commitments, which stem from Confirmation, to extend and defend the faith? How? And how can I improve?

**Group Discussion**  
1. What are deeds that persons can do to live or not live like temples of the Holy Spirit?  
2. What obstacles might young people put, which would prevent the Holy Spirit from bringing forth fruits of holiness?



**Australia Fact**  
Captain Arthur Phillip on 26, January 1788 chose a spot in Australia for an English penal colony, and it took the name Sydney Cove. These were the first Europeans to settle on the island-continent, but there were already indigenous peoples there, speaking more than 250 different languages.

**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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