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Prayer

Holy Spirit, true light for the soul, through Your aid hearts are lifted up, the weak are held by the hand, and they who are advancing are brought to perfection. Shine upon me and cleanse me from every stain. Make me more spiritual by fellowship with Yourself. Dwell in my heart, so that, illuminated by You, I may become spiritual, and communicate Your grace to others. Amen. (BHS)

Know the Pope

Pope Benedict, when he was elected Pope on April 19, 2005 (his third anniversary is in just a few days!), said to the whole world, "Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me - a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord."

In which chapter is today's Via?

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



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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008
TRAILBLAZERS
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

15 For week starting April 13, 2008

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

Scripture

I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price. (Rev 22:16-17)

Reflection

The Spirit brings together. Division is always a sign of the Devil. But this must be understood correctly. We must divide ourselves from evil, from sin, from slavery; and we must unite ourselves to others, to God, to the angels and saints. True unity is found only in the Spirit, who is God; unity in sin or falsehood is a fake unity.



TB's in Hennef, Germany.

Australia Fact

When Australia was founded as a penal colony, Anglicanism was the official religion, and Catholicism suffered persecution. Around 1801 Fr. Peter O'Neill had been barbarously scourged on a suborned charge of having abetted murder—a crime of which he was afterwards proved to be wholly innocent. As late as 5 March, 1843, a convict named Bernard Trainer was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment in Brighton jail for refusing to attend a Protestant service.

Pope Quote

For the mission to be effective, communities must be united, that is, they must be 'of one heart and soul' (cf. Acts 4:32), and they must be ready to witness to the love and joy that the Holy Spirit instills in the hearts of the faithful (cf. Acts 2:42)," (M-4)

"Know Yourself"

1. Do I practice charity towards all? Or do I treat certain people less well than I should? How can I love everyone as God loves them?
2. Is there anyone I exclude from my love?
3. Am I joyful in my dealings with others?

Group Discussion

1. What forms of peer pressure press upon young people today, to lead them away from God and towards sin?
2. As a group, how can we improve our charity and love for one another?

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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