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17 For week starting
May 4, 2008

Prayer
Grant, we pray
O Lord, that the
splendor of your
glory shine upon
us, and that your
light strengthen the
hearts of those who
through your grace
have been reborn,
by the illumination
of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. (RM, Pen-
tecost, Vigil Mass,
Collect)

Know the Pope
The Pope is on the
Internet! It was in
Pope John Paul II's
time when the Vati-
can went on line for
the first time, in 1995.
You can write to Pope
Benedict XVI (don't
count too much on
him getting your mail
directly, much less
replying!). You can
learn much about
the Pope here: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/index.htm

**In which chap-
ter 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
All who are led by the
Spirit of God are the
sons of God. For you
did not receive the spirit
of Slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have
received the spirit of
adoption as sons. When
we cry, "Abba! Father!"
it is the Spirit himself
bearing witness with
our spirit that we are
children of God. (Rom
8:14-17)

Reflection
May is Mary's month.
She is the Father's
daughter, the Son's
mother, and the mysti-
cal spouse of the Spirit:
God has a completely
special and unique love
for Mary among every
other created thing. By
baptism we claim God
as our Father, but also
Mary as our very own
mother in heaven.

Pope Quote
"The angel of the Lord announced to the Virgin of
Nazareth that the Holy Spirit, 'The power of the
Most high,' (Lk1:35) would come upon her and over-
shadow her. The child to be born would be holy and
would be called Son of God." (M-2)

"Know Yourself"
1. Do I take Jesus' last com-
mand, "Go out to all the
world and spread the Good
News," seriously?
2. Do I truly love the
Blessed Virgin Mary?
How? By imitating her
virtues? By devotions, espe-
cially the rosary?

Group Discussion
1. Discuss how, as a group,
we can do something spe-
cial for Mary, our Mother.
2. How can our devotion
and love for Mary help us
know, love and serve the
Holy Spirit better?



Australia Fact
In 1834, Rome formed
Australia, Tasmania, and
the adjacent islands (includ-
ing New Zealand) into a
vicariate Apostolic (which
was something like a dio-
cese). The Right Rev. John
Bede Polding, an English
Benedictine, was appointed
its first bishop. In 1841 his
vast diocese contained some
40,000 Catholics ministered
to by twenty-eight priests,
and scattered over a territory
nearly as large as Europe.

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 Your-
self" section.
5. Take notes! If you have good
ideas, you can share them,
for example, with your youth
group.
! More tips at: www.trailblazerswyd.org/via2008/tips.html