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

19 For week starting May 18, 2008



Prayer
Come, O Blessed Spirit of Understanding, enlighten my mind, that I may perceive and embrace all the mysteries of the deep things of God; that in the end I may be found worthy in Your light clearly to see the Eternal Light, and may come unto a perfect knowledge of You, and of the Father, and of the Son. Amen. (MP)

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

Scripture
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Lk 4:18-19; cf. Is 61:1-2)

Reflection
Catholicism is not a secret, Christianity is no private club. The Spirit sends us into a world full of doubt, despair and selfishness to bear the light of faith, hope and charity. Every Catholic is to go out to the whole world, to all men, to every man, to every aspect of society, and there make the Gospel known and lived.

Australia Fact
The most famous Australian animal is, of course, the kangaroo. They eat grass and vegetation. All kangaroos have a chambered stomach that is functionally similar to those of such ruminants as cattle and sheep. They regurgitate the vegetation they have eaten, chew it as cud, and then swallow it again for final digestion. (Yuk!)

Know the Pope
The Italian Jeanne Perego wrote a child's book about the Pope. She writes a fictional biography of Pope Benedict XVI told through the eyes of his favorite cat, Chico, when he was a child. The Pope's friend, Konrad Baumgartner said the cats in the cemetery behind the local church knew the Pope well and loved him, and he would even talk to them! (Book: *Joseph and Chico: A Cat Tells the Life of Pope Benedict XVI*)

Pope Quote
"To those who tried to silence the Apostles, they replied, 'We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). This is how the Church was born, and from the day of Pentecost, she has not ceased to spread the Good news 'to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8)" (M-3)

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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"Know Yourself"
1. Do I have the courage to speak with others about Jesus or spiritual things? Or even about serious things in general?
2. What can I do to help others know Jesus the Lord?
3. Do I ask the Holy Spirit for fortitude when I feel afraid?

Group Discussion
1. How can we work together to spread the good news about Jesus, by words and deeds?
2. Discuss examples of saints, or people alive today, who have gone out boldly to spread the good news.

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