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Prayer
I love you, O Holy Spirit, with all my heart, and with all my soul, above all things, because you are infinitely good and worthy to be loved. Kindle in my heart the fire of your love; and grant that I may be faithful to you all the days of my life. Amen. (GM)

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

Scripture
"Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" (Jn 20:21-22)

Reflection
The presence of the Holy Spirit dispels "human respect." Human respect is the fear we have of serving God, and of spreading the Gospel, on account of displeasing one person or another. Yet spreading the news of salvation is an act full of love and divine mercy.

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Know the Pope
When Pope Benedict went to WYD 2005 in Cologne, 410,000 registered pilgrims which checked in and joined WYD (there were hundreds of thousands of more people there) from 188 countries. 8.9% (23,000) of all the pilgrims were from the USA, ranking us 5th by numbers in attendance.

Pope Quote
"The Holy Spirit renewed the Apostles from within, filling them with a power that would give them courage to go out and boldly proclaim that 'Christ has died and is risen!' Freed from all fear, they began to speak openly with self-confidence." (M-3)

Australia Fact
There are probably about 50 million kangaroos in Australia. They range in weight from 500 grams to 90 kilograms. There are at least 69 different types (called species) of kangaroo. They can be eaten, preference for the hind legs, and form part of the Aboriginal diet.

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

"Know Yourself"
1. Do I try to live my Catholicism only on the outside, or on the "inside" (in my soul, my thoughts, my desires) too?
2. Do I make my efforts to be holy a sincere part of all I do to spread the faith? Or do I think I can give what I don't have?

Group Discussion
1. Why is it that people feel fear when it comes time to discuss the things that matter, especially the faith?
2. Is it harder for teens and young adults, and if so, why?

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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