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“And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost ...” (Acts 2:1-4)

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Feast of the Annunciation

Dear Friend of Our Lady,

The oldest and first novena in Church history is the novena in preparation for the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Before ascending into Heaven, Our Lord commanded the apostles:

“that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard (saith He) by My mouth.

“You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth”. (Acts 1:4,8).

After Our Lord ascended from Mount Olivet into Heaven, it was a day’s journey from there back to Jerusalem to remain as Our Lord had commanded, until the coming of the Holy Ghost.

And when they arrived in Jerusalem, the eleven apostles (after Judas committed suicide and before another was appointed in his place) went to an upper room, and stayed there:

“All these were persevering with one mind in prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with His brethren” (Acts 1:14). There were about 120 persons in the room praying.

It was then that Peter called for the appointment of another

to replace Judas in his bishopric. And with the use of lots, Matthias was appointed.

They remained in prayer for nine days, preparing for the coming of the Holy Ghost. And the tenth day, the Holy Ghost descended upon them and filled them with His gifts and graces needed to be soldiers of Christ, going forth to preach the Gospel.

The Feast day is referred to as the Feast of Pentecost or Whitsunday (literally White Sunday).

In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, we are pleased to be able to send to you the enclosed new prayer card, *Come Holy Ghost*, named for the prayer on the back.

Many saints have taught of the importance of invoking the Holy Ghost in prayer, asking for His guidance and understanding, at the beginning of prayers (such as before praying the Rosary), before doing spiritual reading, before meditation, or before starting a spiritual work or any studying, etc.

For copies of the enclosed prayer card, *Come Holy Ghost*, return the enclosed reply form or call us at 1-800-845-3047.

The Novena to the Holy Ghost for the upcoming Feast of Pentecost begins this year on Friday, May 6 and ends Saturday, May 14. The Novena can also be done anytime.

"Charismatic Catholics" and Pentecostalists

Recently we have received some phone calls from supporters who speak of "Charismatic Catholics" as if it were something that is part of the Catholic Church. It is not. In the Catholic Church established by Our Lord Jesus Christ, there is no such thing as a "Charismatic Catholic".

The introduction of such false ideas and terminology is again part of the errors invented by heretics (Protestants) which has crept into the one true Church of Jesus Christ through misguided pastors and others, in the last fifty years.

If your parish is promoting such ideas, please do not fall into this heresy, do not participate. Instead, our Confirmation obligates us to try and charitably correct and instruct our fellow parishioners and parish priests about this error and its offense to God.

Pray for their conversion but do not join them.

There are stories of people "speaking in tongues" at these gatherings. What they are speaking may be demonic. That was confirmed by a bishop from Africa to Father Gruner years ago. The eminent Monsignor Ronald Knox wrote in his classic 1950 book *Enthusiasm*, "to speak in tongues you had never learned was, and is, a recognized symptom in cases of alleged diabolic possession."

If you read the Douay Rheims Bible, Acts 2:6-11, you will read a clear explanation about speaking in tongues. It does not refer to some absurd mumbo jumbo, garbled nonsense.

The Bible clearly explains that those who heard the apostles speaking were amazed that even though they did not speak the same language as the apostles, they were still able to understand what they were saying (thanks to the Holy Ghost):

"And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue.

"And they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these, that speak, Galileans?

"And how have we heard, every man our own tongue wherein we were born?

"Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia ...

"Jews also, and proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:6-9,11).

If your parish is promoting these "Charismatic" or Pentecostal gatherings, I strongly urge you to consider finding a new parish, preferably one where only the Latin Tridentine Rite of Mass is offered. Generally these are parishes that are trying to preserve the perennial teachings of the Faith and to keep the errors out.

Many areas don't have this type of chapel where only the Tridentine Rite of Mass (the Latin Mass) is offered. For those who don't have this available in their area, there may be a diocesan church where one Latin Mass is said weekly or periodically.

But be aware, that in parishes where mainly the *novus ordo* (Latin for "new order", commonly known as the new Mass) is

offered and the Latin Mass offered just once a week or less, a priest may still preach error from the pulpit during the sermon. These parishes often still abound with modernist errors, which we must avoid exposing our souls to.

We received a call about this problem just recently from one of our volunteers, who is now trying to find a chapel where only the Latin Mass is offered.

If you need help searching for a Latin Mass chapel in your area, don't hesitate to call. We will try to help find one for you. And if you hear of a new Latin Mass location in your area, don't hesitate to let us know the name, address, and phone number, so we can add it to the list we are compiling in our attempt to help others who are looking.

Genuine Mercy & Counterfeit Compassion

By now you should have received our new leaflet, [*Genuine Mercy & Counterfeit Compassion*](#). This leaflet defines and explains the term "mercy" according to Catholic teaching.

The word "mercy" is used today by many, within and outside the Catholic Church, in a manner not in accord with Our Lord's teachings. The leaflet, *Genuine Mercy & Counterfeit Compassion*, does a fine job of explaining true mercy.

Christopher Ferrara's article, "Landmarks in the Fog", beginning on page 14 of Issue 114 of *The Fatima Crusader*, also does an excellent job of explaining this. If you haven't yet read his article, I urge you to do so.

Help us to help those within the Church to understand what real mercy is, by distributing this leaflet.

For copies of the leaflet, *Genuine Mercy & Counterfeit Compassion*, call us at 1-800-845-3047, or return the enclosed reply form.

May you have a Blessed and Holy Easter season!

You are in our apostolate prayers; please pray for Our Lady's apostolate.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,


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