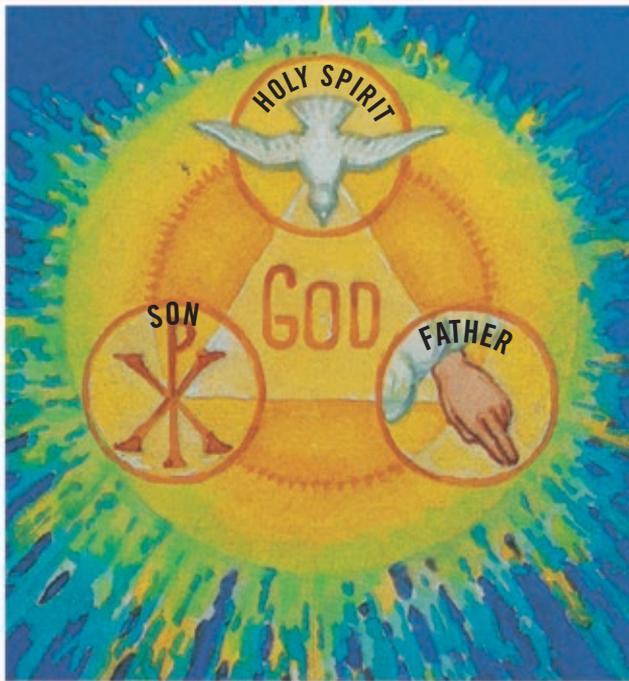


# *The* **Holy Spirit**

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# The Holy Spirit Comes to the Church

**B**EFORE Jesus ascended into heaven he said to His Apostles: “You will be filled with power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be witnesses for Me in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, that I told you about. John baptized in water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When the day of Pentecost arrived, fifty days after Easter, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire spreading out, and each person there was touched by a tongue. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.



The Holy Spirit carried out the work of Jesus Christ on earth. That work is the salvation of all people. He spreads the Church throughout the world among people who are willing to love God and one another.



## For the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**S**PIRIT of WISDOM,  
help me seek God.

Make Him the center of my life.  
Make my life pleasing to Him,  
so that love and peace  
will always be in my soul.

Spirit of UNDERSTANDING,  
give light to my mind,  
that I may know and love the truths of faith  
and make them truly my own.