



May 21, 2020

Dearly Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Pentecost, the Day of the Holy Spirit, approaches. This 50th day of the Easter Season is May 31st. This year, Eastertide has been quieter and more interior than usual. It has been a time to ponder and to wonder. As I offer Holy Mass each day, I am aware of your beautiful yearning for Mass and Holy Communion. It is the Holy Spirit, dwelling with you, that grants you this longing.

To assist us in preparing to express our worship, our dependence, and our love for God, the Holy Spirit, I present the Novena for Pentecost.

It may be found at
<http://www.catholictradition.org/Tradition/holy-spirit.htm>

This is the Church's most ancient Novena. The first was with the apostles, the disciples, the Church gathered around Our Blessed Mother Mary, Acts 1:14. This year, especially, we intentionally think of the whole Church gathered in your homes, waiting as patiently as possible, and the Blessed Mother with us, accompanying us, reassuring us, and comforting us.

As we pray the Novena of the Holy Spirit starting Thursday, May 21st, let us do so with trust, with faith and, most of all, with love.

I thank you for your witness to the Lord.
I beseech the Holy Spirit upon you.

I pray that, through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, you may be at peace. I am

Sincerely Yours,

Father Brennan