

Pastor's Message

May & June 2007

By: Rev. Dr. Anthony T. Padovano

SPIRIT

There is no time in the liturgical calendar when God's Spirit is emphasized more than in this season.

We celebrate in these two months, not only Pentecost (when the Spirit creates the Church), but also Trinity Sunday (with the Spirit as God) and Corpus Christi (the bread and wine made Eucharist by the Spirit). Also in this season, the Spirit brings Christ to Heaven on Ascension Day.

It is also fitting that secular holidays like Mother's Day and Father's day occur in these two months. The Spirit of love a mother and father represents is laden with life and brings us life even after they are gone. May and June are favorite times for weddings and graduations; these milestones touch the human spirit deeply and indelibly.

We do not live by bread alone but by God's Spirit in our world, in human history, in Christian experience. Words and laws, institutions and doctrines are important and necessary. But all of them are dead without a life spirit to support them.

Few things give Christianity a better chance to survive and grow and reach people than its belief that the Spirit is given to all of us. It is the Spirit, not authority figures, who guides the Church and keeps the Church and makes it live.

Anthony