

# S ✨ E P S



*"and they were filled with the Holy Spirit"*

**THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS BUT THE SAME SPIRIT;  
THERE ARE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SERVICE BUT THE SAME LORD"**

This is taken from the second reading from Mass this Sunday. The reading goes on to talk about how we are many parts, but all one body.

What would happen if we thought of ourselves as a body part? One person might be a hand, some might be an eye or, and still someone else, part of the brain. Each of these parts is accompanied by a gift. For example, the hand - full of action. The eye - able to see the heart of another. The brain cell - good at processing. Every anatomical detail of a body though, down to the smallest cell, is part of the whole.

It is the same within the Body of Christ. We each are a different part of that body, having different talents, different experiences, different passions. But we are still one, united by Christ. The gifts we possess are just that, gifts. Given from the Holy Spirit for us to use for the glory of God. Just as each body part works for the good of the body, we have the opportunity to use our abilities and gifts for the good of the Body of Christ.

The beauty of this is that as we give our gifts, we also receive. When function as the hand, or eye, or brain of the Body of Christ, we make Him known to the world. And we in turn know Him more deeply ourselves. This happens most readily when we serve others out of our natural abilities.

The Church calls these natural gifts and abilities Charisms. Charisms are endowments or special capabilities that are gifted us by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church and her people. Some of these charisms are: administration, evangelization, encouragement, helping, leadership, teaching, mercy... and many more.

Every baptized person has a charism. That means YOU have been endowed with a special gift. And that there is a way that only YOU can use it. So what is your gift? There are ways to discern charisms and gifts, but let's start simply.

Ask the Holy Spirit this week, "What part of The Body am I?" and sit back and listen. He might not speak to you right then and there, but keep your heart open to hear how He will reveal this to you. Maybe through an intuitive feeling or the words of a friend. Come Holy Spirit, show us how we are part of the Body of Christ!

# PENTECOST IS KIND OF WILD...

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Acts 2:1-4

## ***It's wild to think that Pentecost actually happened.***

To think that fire came down on the Apostles and others. That the Holy Spirit shook the house they were in and filled them so completely that they *SPOKE. DIFFERENT. LANGUAGES.* I mean, that's wild.

So wild that it's easy to think of this actual event as just another story from the Bible. But it's not. The Holy Spirit filled the Apostles and they did amazing things through His power. They healed people, preached so as to convert 3000 in one day, were bold and fearless in the face of death.

This power is offered to us as well. We are able to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit the same way we can have one with Jesus. The more time we spend with Him, the more He is able to fill us the same way He did the Apostles. How incredible is it that we can have that kind of relationship with the *same* Spirit who was present at Pentecost. Now, *that's* wild.

## DID YOU MISS

# THE ROAD HOME?

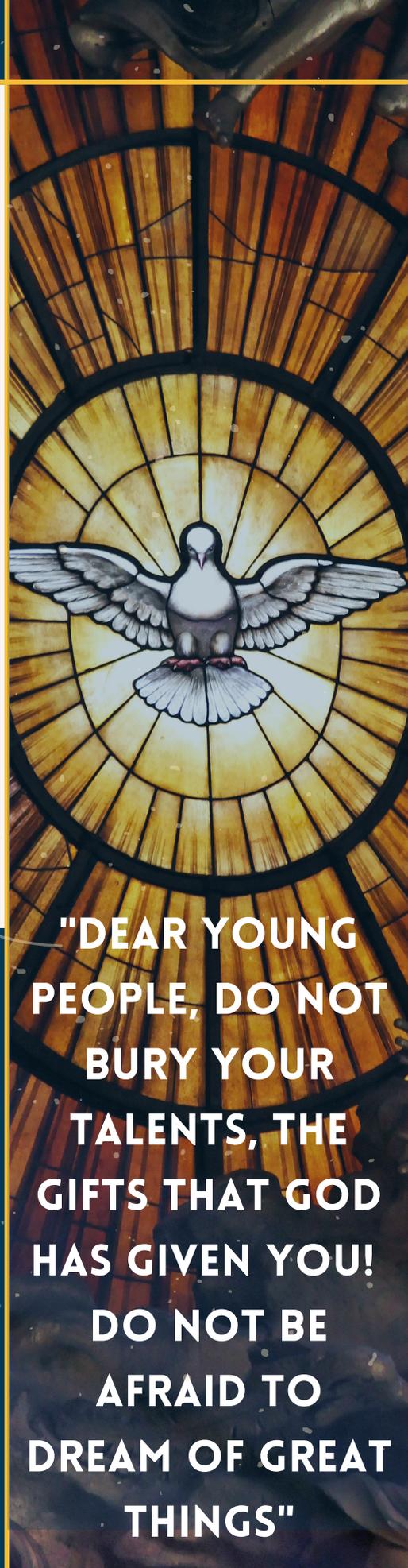
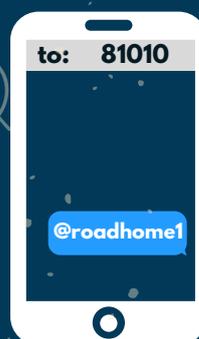
LAST WEEK, WE HAD A NIGHT OF PRAYER TO BEGIN REBUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. WE INTRODUCED NEW GOALS AND STRATEGIES BEING IMPLEMENTED TO HELP US DO SO! IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT THE ROAD HOME, PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ONE ON JUNE 5, FROM 9:30-10:30AM, OR...

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POPE FRANCIS