

PENTECOST PRAYER

WE PREPARE OURSELVES:

Ruah that hovered over the waters at the beginning of creation (Gen 1, 2),
the Spirit who made barren women fruitful (1Sam2:1-10),
the defender of little ones (Judith 9:11),
the same Spirit who overshadowed Mary (Luke 4:18),
the Spirit that anointed Jesus
to announce the good news to the poor (Luke 4:18),
the Spirit by whom Sophie let herself be led
and who led Philippine to embrace new frontiers;
this same Spirit wants to pour itself out over us today.

We prepare ourselves to receive the Spirit together.

WE SING: *Veni lumen Cordium* (Margaret Rizza)

On this Pentecost day, we keep watch with Mary in the upper room. In union with each community and each one of our sisters on the five continents, we invoke the action of the Spirit on the General Chapter.

Let us listen to the words of the prophet Joel spoken to us:

*I will pour out my Spirit on you;
Your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old women shall dream dreams,
And your young women shall see visions. (cf Joel 2:28)*

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD:

 John 20: 19-23

SOPHIE AND PHILIPPINE ACCOMPANY US:

“The frontier age is by no means a thing of the past. It has grown up, donned modern garb, and appears today in forms which we have not yet discovered. Today, the frontier is not so much a situation into which we move as an attitude of mind which we must foster. To be of the frontier is to be open to the future.”

(Sharon Karam, rscj: Philippine Duchesne. Booklet
on Philippine Duchesne 1818-1968)

“I remember you often and until Pentecost I will hold you ever more present before our Lord. I count on your prayer, my daughter ; ask the Divine Heart to give you his Holy Spirit and give it also to your Mother and to the whole Society, that we might all be renewed through that divine Spirit who, taking the place of our own, shall order all things well and the will of God shall be done without obstacles. We will not cease in asking the Lord and so we may merit being heard through our fidelity and our total trust in the One who can do all things. ”

(Letter from Madeleine Sophie Barat to Anais de Mandon, Paris, May 18, 1854)

WE ENTER INTO SILENCE:

WE SHARE: What gifts do we ask of the Spirit for the Society at this time in our history and in the reality of the world?



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WE PRAY TOGETHER:

(Recreated from the Pentecost Sequence)

Come, Father of the poor,
Breath of voices of all the world,
unstoppable wave of joy.

Take us and enflame us
in your universal Heart of Fire.
Bring life to our dryness,
drench us.
Soften our hardness,
transform us.
Send us to proclaim
a time of blessing.

You who are over us
and inside us,
who heal and sustain us all,
anoint us to search together
for the orientations that the Society
needs for the future.

Come, Mother of the little ones,
Light of all the faces of the world,
unstoppable wave of compassion.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come!