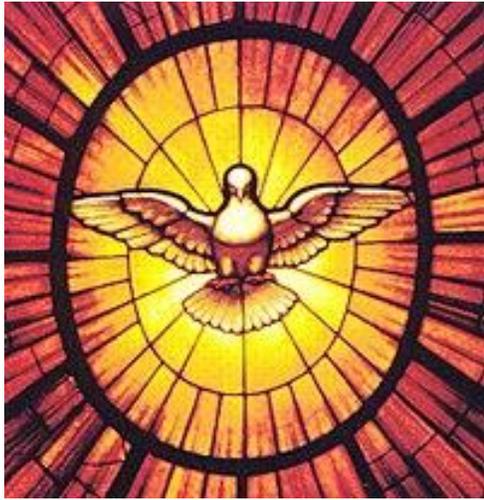
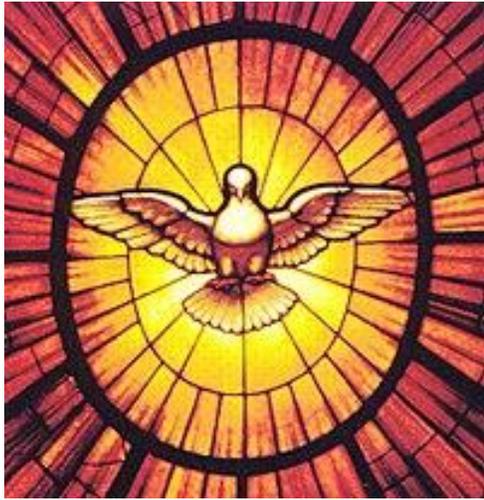


# The Holy Spirit in Scripture and in the Creed

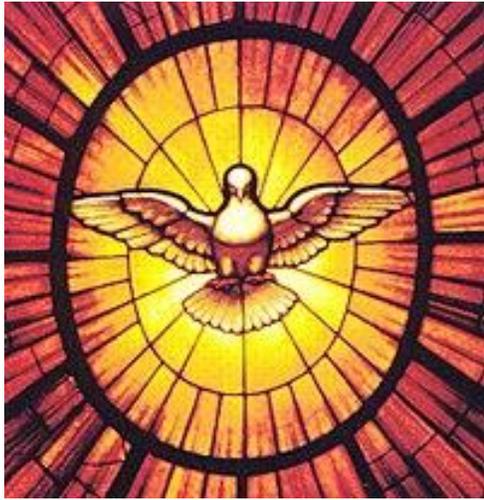
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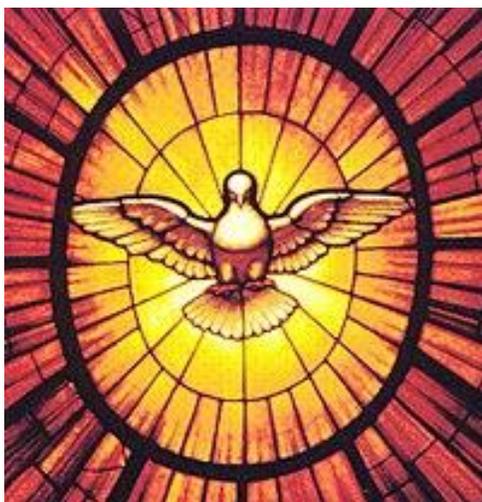
**O** Mary,  
You shine continuously on our  
journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health  
of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.



“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will  
provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

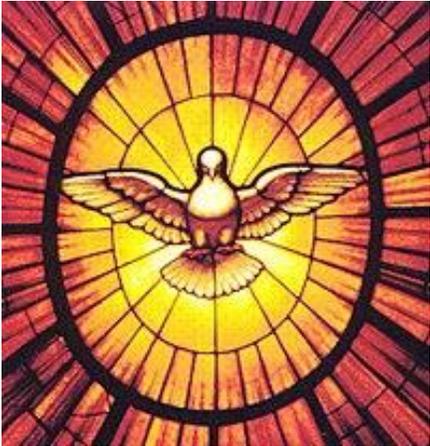


Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the  
Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our  
suffering,  
and burdened himself with our  
sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.



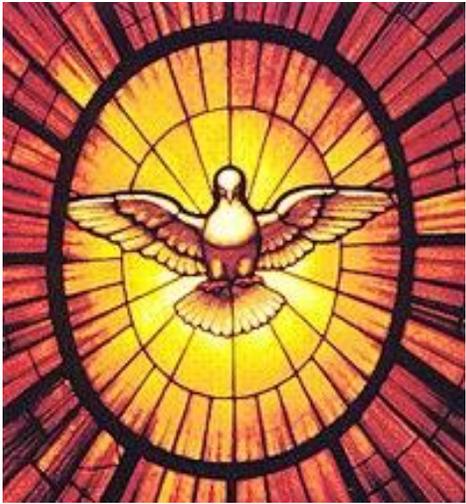
*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.  
Amen.*

# Breath as an Image for the Spirit



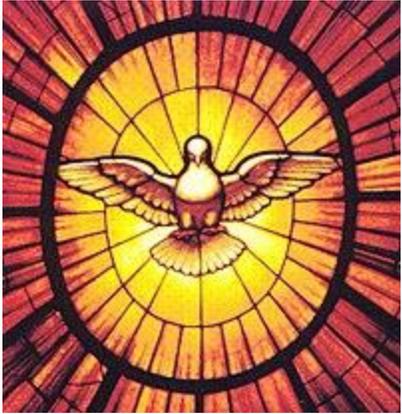
- Genesis: God breathed life into his creatures
- Jesus gives the Spirit by breathing on his disciples
- Just as we need physical breath to live, we need the Spirit to live spiritually

# The Gift of the Spirit to the Church



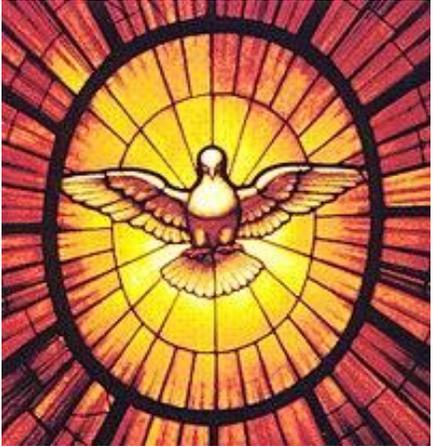
- Jesus gives the Spirit to his disciples after his resurrection (John 20:19-23)
- Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

# The Spirit in the New Testament



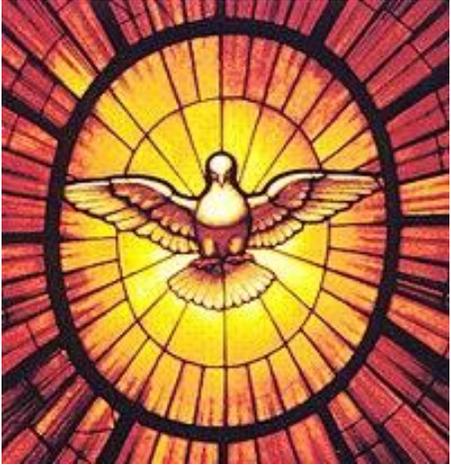
- Luke-Acts
- John's gospel
- Paul's letters

# The Spirit in Luke-Acts



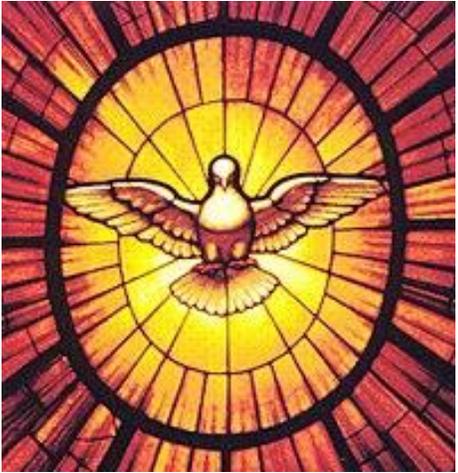
- Virginal conception of Jesus in Mary
- Directs Jesus throughout his public ministry
- Acts: starting with Pentecost, the Spirit constantly guides the mission of the Church

# The Spirit in John's Gospel



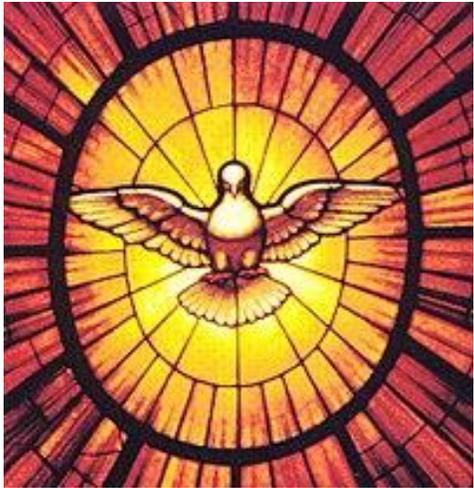
- “Advocate”, “Paraclete”, “Comforter”
- Makes Jesus present even when he is no longer physically present in the world
- Is the Spirit of truth, who will guide the Church to all truth

# The Spirit in Paul's Letters



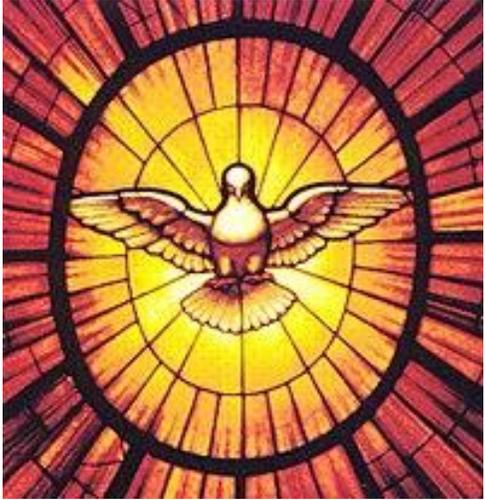
- Helps us bear the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians)
- Manifests different gifts (charisms) in each believer (1 Corinthians)
- Makes us God's adopted children, with Christ (Romans)
- Prays in and with us (Romans)

# The Spirit as the Indwelling of God



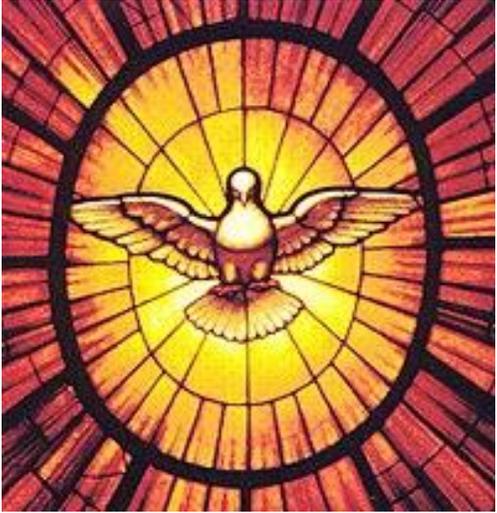
- love (Romans 5:5)
- gifts of the Spirit (Isaiah 11:1-2)
- fruit(s) of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

# The Spirit in the Creed



- Doctrine of the Spirit took more time to develop
- Added to the Nicene Creed at the Council of Constantinople, 381
- But still left open some debates ...

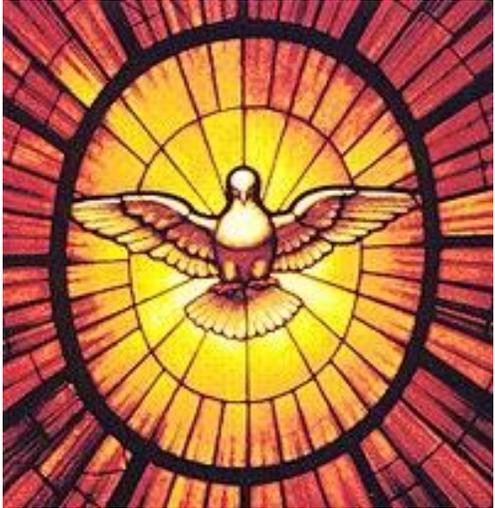
# “The giver of life”



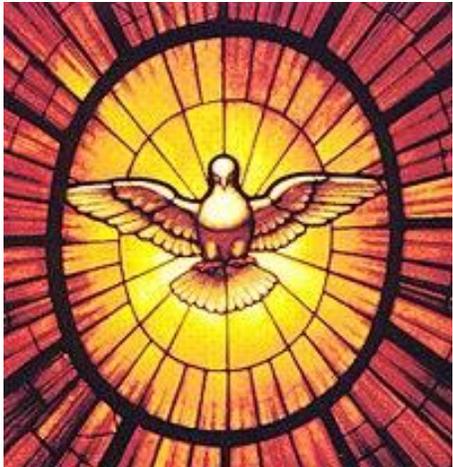
- Animates the body, nourishes the spiritual life
- John 3: “no one can enter the kingdom God without being born of water and Spirit”
- The indwelling of God in believers

# “Who proceeds from the Father and the Son”

- Original text had just “from the Father”
- *Filioque* (“and the Son”) added in the West; resulted in controversy
- More agreement now: “From the Father *through* the Son”?

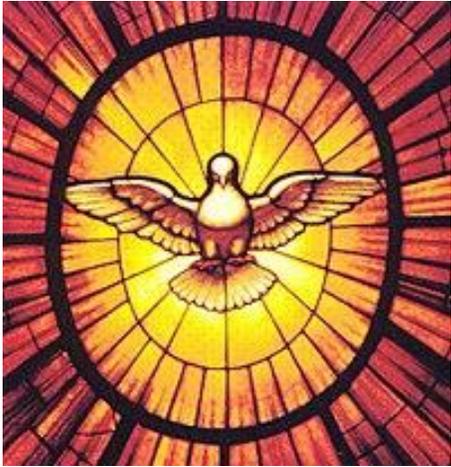


# “Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified”



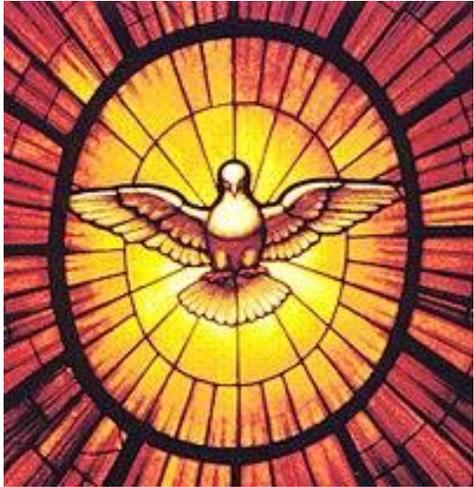
- The Trinity: the Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and Son as well
- Church Fathers decided to use more diplomatic language here

# “Who has spoken through the prophets”



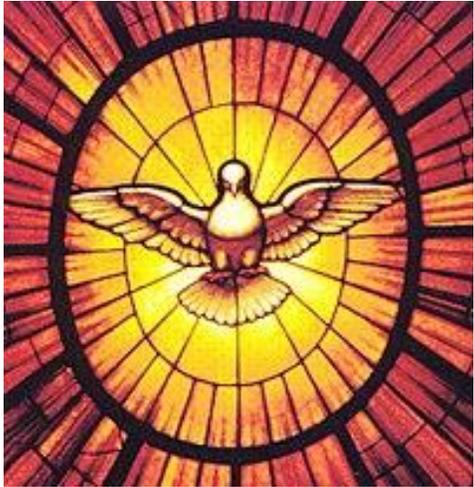
- Trinity: the Spirit along with the Son has existed with the Father from all eternity
- Inspired Scripture and continues to guide the Church in her teachings

# The Spirit in the Church



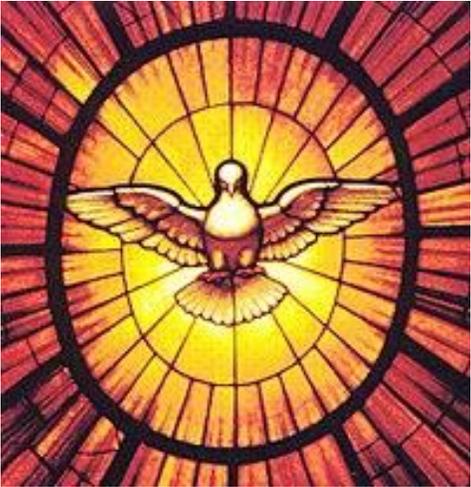
- Brings an interesting tension between stability/order and renewal/reform
- Stability: beliefs, governance
- Renewal: how to respond to the needs of our time

# The Spirit in the Sacraments

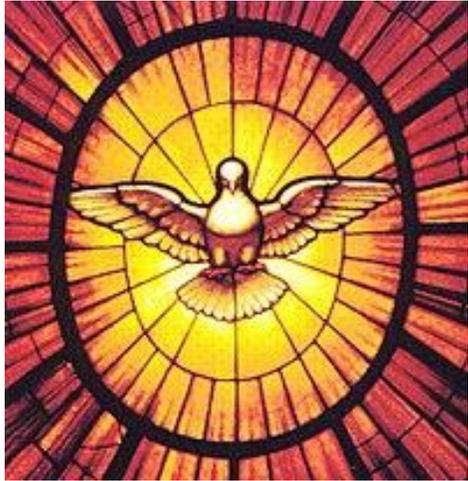


- Baptism: water, chrism
- Confirmation: laying on of hands, chrism
- Eucharist: epiclesis upon the bread and wine, assembly

# The Spirit in the Sacraments



- Reconciliation: prayer of absolution
- Anointing of the Sick: laying on of hands, anointing
- Matrimony: nuptial blessing
- Holy Order: laying on of hands, prayer of ordination, chrism

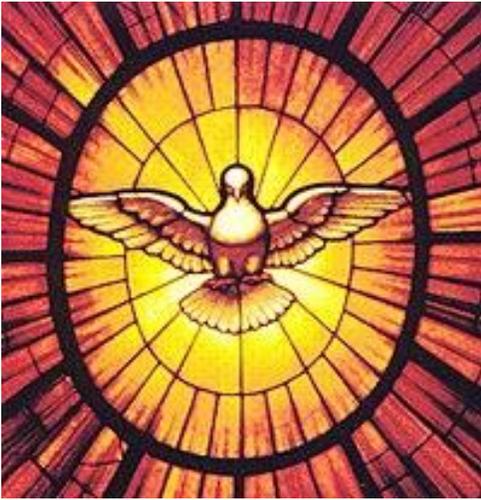


“In the Holy Spirit who is God *in* us we are able to acknowledge God *over* us, God the Father, as the one who in his Son is God *among* us”

Walter Kasper, *The God of Jesus Christ*



***Questions?***  
***Comments?***

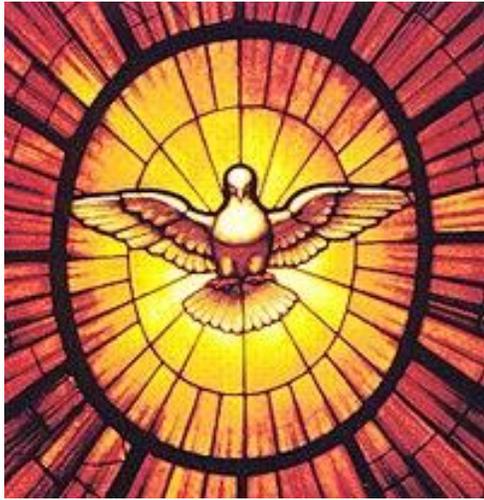


**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts  
of your faithful.**

**And enkindle in them the fire of  
your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they  
shall be created.**

**And you shall renew the face of  
the earth.**



**O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**