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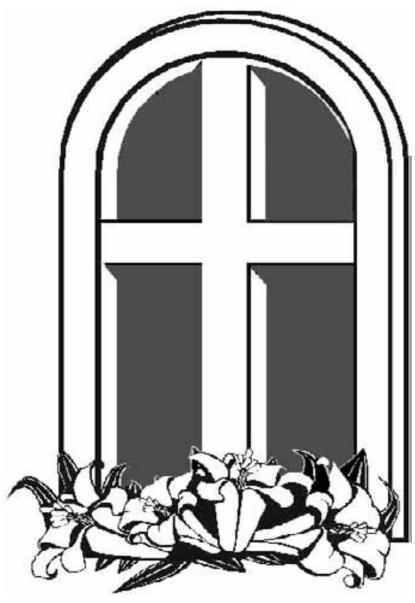
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The Lord has Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



Vatican City, 9 April 2014 (VIS)? In today's general audience Pope Francis began a series of catechesis dedicated to the Holy Spirit, which constitutes the soul and the vital lymph of the Church and of every Christian. The Holy Spirit is God's quintessential gift, and in turn communicates many spiritual gifts to those who welcome it. The Church identifies seven of these, a number that symbolically indicates plenitude and completeness, and these are invoked in the ancient prayer, the Sequence to the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Today the Holy Father spoke about the first: wisdom. It is not simply human wisdom, the fruit of knowledge and experience. The wisdom the Holy Spirit grants is the grace of being able to see things through God's eyes. It is

seeing the world, situations problems, everything, with the eyes of God. And obviously this derives from intimacy with God from the relationship of a son with his Father. When we are in communion with the Lord, it is through the Holy Spirit that our heart transforms and we are able to perceive all its warmth and predilection.

The Holy Spirit endows the Christian with wisdom, but not, however, in the sense of having an answer for everything, of knowing everything, but in the sense of 'knowing' God of knowing how God acts, knowing when something is God's and when it is not. The heart of the man who is wise in this way has the taste, the flavour of God. We have the Holy Spirit inside us, in our heart; we can listen to it, or we can choose not to listen to it. If we listen to the Holy Spirit, He will teach us this way of wisdom, and will give us the wisdom to see through God's eyes, to hear with God's ears, to love with the heart of God, to judge with God's judgement. This is the wisdom that the Holy Spirit gives us, and all of us can have this. We need only ask the Holy Spirit.

As an example of wisdom in daily life, the Pope gave the example of marriage; if, after an argument, a married couple do not look at each other, or look at each other without warmth: is this the wisdom of God? No! If, instead, they say, ' the trouble has passed, let's make up' and begin again in peace this is the gift of wisdom.

?We do not learn this?, he concluded; it is a gift from the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we must ask the Lord Who gives us the Holy Spirit, Who gives us the gift of that wisdom of God that teaches us to look through God's eyes, to feel with God's heart, to speak with God's words. And so, with this wisdom, we go ahead, we create a family, build a Church, and we are all sanctified. Let us ask, today, for the grace of wisdom. And let us ask this of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom?

Heads up!!!
Parents are advised of our Summer
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Mass Intention

Saturday (April 19)

7:30 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday (April 20)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community 9:00 AM +Fregatorio 11:00 AM +Policiano Dias 12:30 PM +For the Parish Community

Monday (April 21)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (April 22)

7:30 AM For the Special Intention Roma de Vera

Wednesday (April 23)

7:00 PM +Donald Miranda, Lydia deSouza

Thursday (April 24)

7:30 AM Open

Friday (April 25)

7:00 PM 50th Wedding Anniversary of Damiao & Normal Medeiros

Saturday (April 26)

9:00 AM +Lourdes Tagle, Healing of Roma de Vera

5:00 PM +Elizabeth Petersen, +Peter Paul D'Melo

Mass Offering can be arranged through Cecilia on the weekends or through the Parish Website or by calling the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund Invested in the Archdiocese \$1,495,644.86 Architectural Fees

\$69,986.29

Total Building Fund Collected \$1,565,631.15

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Team,

I wish all the families, friends, and members of our parish community

a Blessed Easter!

I also wish to thank all our volunteers who offered their time and talent during the Holy Week Celebrations.

May the Good Lord reward all of you with His manifold blessings!

First Communion

St. Faustina School will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer 3:00 PM

St. Simon Stock School will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer 3:00 PM

Retrouvaille Toronto: Help for Troubled Marriages

Upcoming weekends: April 25, 26, 27 and September 19, 20, 21 Mississauga

A live-in weekend followed by six post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For further information, call 416-281-6007 or go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

Theology of the Body Course

April 29 - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Runs for five consecutive Tuesdays Merciful Redeemer Parish 2775 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga

How can I live my life in a way that brings happiness and fulfillment? Singles, engaged couples, married couples, and youth 18+ are encouraged to attend. For information contact Anthony Mendes 416-302-4253, or Melvin Marques marquesm2020@gmail.com or Tod Markelj TOB@bell.net.

A fee of \$20 per person or \$25 per couple, which includes a workbook, will be collected at the first session. Registration opens April 1, 2014. Click here to view poster with more information.

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The Office of Catholic Youth, Faith Connections, and your local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guest: Paskwa Mutunga. Paskwa will speak about how to take your faith to work and make decisions based on your values. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! RSVP appreciated. For more information, contact us at 416-599-7676, youth@ocytoronto.org or visit www.ocytoronto.org or www.faithconnections.ca. Theology on Tap West is on Twitter. Use #ToTWest to join the conversation.

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-Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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The Sacrament of Confirmation for St. Bernard School will be held on Friday April 25, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer for St. Faustina School will be held on Friday May 9, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer For St. Simon Stock School will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer For St. Edith Stein School will be held on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer



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