

# The Holy Spirit

## Chapter 17 Summary

### Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will explore the meaning of the Holy Spirit as the Breath of God.
- The participants will name concrete ways they see the Holy Spirit present in the world.

### Content Summary

1. The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity.
2. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God, united and inseparable.
3. The Holy Spirit is called the Breath of God, breathing God's life and love into us.
4. We learn about the Holy Spirit throughout Sacred Scripture, beginning with the Book of Genesis. Throughout the Old Testament, the Spirit of God works quietly, behind the scenes, to prepare God's people for the Messiah.
5. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit prepared Mary to become the Mother of God. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus announced his mission by proclaiming that the Holy Spirit was upon him to bring salvation to God's people.
6. In the Gospel of John, the newly risen Jesus visits his disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, the Spirit of peace, love, and forgiveness.
7. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes upon the disciples with the power of wind and fire, giving them courage to preach the message of Jesus to the world.
8. The Holy Spirit continues to act in the Church today, bringing people to Christ. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand Jesus' death and Resurrection and makes the mystery of Christ present in the Eucharist and in the other Sacraments. The Holy Spirit works in the Church to build her up, to bring her life, and to make her holy.
9. Another name for the Holy Spirit, found in the Gospel of John, is Advocate, or helper and supporter. An advocate is someone who "speaks for" someone else. The Holy Spirit is always with us, always at our side and on our side.

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