

### Talk 3. The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church Today

1. **The Holy Spirit is God**, one with the Father and the Son, third person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit enables us to hear the Father's Word (Christ) (CCC 687).

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ... He will glorify me for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine, therefore I said, he will take what is mine and declare it to you' (Jn 16:12-14).

2. **The Holy Spirit is spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. To understand the working of the HS, the Church contemplates the Blessed Virgin Mary - the power of the rosary.
3. **The Holy Spirit acts in and through the Church** (CCC 688).
  - Bestower of hierarchical and charismatic gifts (CCC768)
  - Scripture and Tradition.  
'Holy Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It [Tradition] transmits it [Word of God] to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound and spread it abroad by their preaching'. (CCC 81).
  - Puts us into communion with Christ through the sacraments, grace, virtues and prayer.
4. **The Holy Spirit acts outside the Catholic Church, especially in the baptised**.  
"Many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside the visible confines of the Catholic Church: Scripture, life of grace, faith, hope and charity and other interior gifts (CCC 819).
5. **The Holy Spirit is he 'whom the world cannot receive'**  
'If you love me you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him;' (Jn 14:17).  
"The devil (*dia-bolos*) is the one who 'throws himself across' God's plan and his work of salvation accomplished in Christ" (CCC 2851). 'He was a murderer from the beginning and has nothing to do with the truth.. a liar and the father of lies'. (Jn 8:44).
6. **The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Divine Love of the Father** (CCC733)  
*Giver of life, truth, holiness* (CCC 749)  
First effect of the gift of love is forgiveness of sins. (CCC734) Beliefs, words and actions against life, truth and holiness, are not of the Holy Spirit.
7. **The Holy Spirit shares the Mission of Christ and the Father** (CCC737)  
The Holy Spirit:
  - *prepares*, goes out in grace, to draw people to Christ (See1098ff)
  - *manifests* the risen Lord, recalls his word to them, opens their minds to the understand of his death and resurrection.
  - *makes present* the mystery of Christ in order to reconcile them,
  - *to bring them into communion*
  - that they may bear much fruit.