

THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE SOUL OF THE CHURCH
Service Manual

Redemptorist Parish Mission Team
Chicago

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This mission was partially inspired by John Paul's encyclical THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORD and part three, section one of the Catechism MAN'S VOCATION, LIFE IN THE SPIRIT. The main purpose of this mission is to educate, inspire and empower the people of God in the normative role that the Holy Spirit has in every aspect of the life of the Church. Although the Holy Spirit resides within us and is given to us so that we are able to become the Church He is the least know person of the Trinity.

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Sunday Evening Service

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SYMBOL: EASTER CANDLE

FOCUS: Who is the Holy Spirit and His role within the Church

SACRAMENT: The Church.

Ritual: Service of Lights

1) Welcome: The master of ceremonies welcomes the faithful, introduces the ministers, the evening's symbol and topic. He concludes by asking the congregation to remain seated throughout the procession and opening hymn so that everyone may see the symbol as it is carried in.

2) Procession and Greeting: The music ministry introduces the entrance hymn. It includes the following ministers in this order: First the symbol bearer, the Redemptorist preacher and then the presider.

On arriving at the sanctuary the symbol bearer and the preacher take their assigned place at the foot of the sanctuary. When the presider arrives at the foot of the sanctuary the presider leads the ministers making the customary sign of reverence. After the reverence, the presider and the candle bearer ascend the steps of the sanctuary and turn to face the congregation. When the music stops the master of ceremonies signals for the congregation to stand.

Presider:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. *R.* Amen.

Then the presider takes the candle from the bearer and shows it to the people and proclaims to the congregation:

Behold the Paschal Candle the symbol of the resurrected Christ.

Through who's death and resurrection opened the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Then the presider enthrones the Easter candle in its place. Then will return to the center of the sanctuary to commission the missionaries.

3) Commissioning of the Redemptorist Preacher(s): The Redemptorists stand before the presider who commissions the preachers with these words; while holding high the mission cross (supplied by the Redemptorist) so all can see the crucifix.:

Presider:

Christ commissioned His apostles:

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Go forth and preach the Gospel to every creature.”

The Church continues the saving mission of the proclamation of the Gospel today.

In the name of Christ the Good Shepherd,

I, as Pastor,

Hereby commission Fr. _____ and Fr. _____

To preach the Word of God here at _____ Parish

In the manner of the great apostle Paul.

May the Lord bless their ministry and make it fruitful.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **All:** Amen.

4) Prayer over the preacher: The preacher kneels before the presider

Presider:

As the minister in the procession joins me near Fr. _____, please join me in this blessing prayer by extending your hands when I extend mine and silently praying along with me. **(Pause)**

The candle bearer moves near the preacher and places a hand on the shoulder of the preacher.

Almighty God, your Word is strength for your people.

We beg you to send the power of your Holy Spirit into the mind and heart of Fr. _____

as he proclaims your Word this night.

Open his heart to speak your Word

and open our hearts to embrace your sanctifying grace that comes to us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen

5) Gospel Proclamation: At the conclusion of the prayer the preacher stands and the Alleluia or Lenten gospel verse begins. The preacher goes to the ambo and proclaims the gospel. At the conclusion of the proclamation of the Gospel the presider and the candle bearer take their seats.

6) Sermon: The Redemptorist preacher proclaims the evening sermon. The sermon is followed by two to three minutes of reflective music or silence. Instrumental music or a hymn song by the choir is appropriate but there should be no congregational sing.

7) Recommitment rite: When the reflection time concludes the presider and the master of ceremonies goes to the center of the sanctuary. Two assistance moves the Paschal Candle to the foot of the sanctuary. Master of ceremonies invites the congregation to stand. Then the presider addresses the congregation:

Presider:

Jesus' death and resurrection, is the portal through which the Holy Spirit is given to the Church. So that we might be more open the work of the Holy Spirit in our live let us recommit ourselves to our risen Lord by rejecting sin and professing our faith in Christ.

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **All:** I do.

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **All:** I do.

Do you reject Satan, the father of sin and the prince of darkness? **All:** I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **All:** I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **All:** I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **All:** I do.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Now we turn to bless our candles for our light service.

Heavenly Father we ask you to send down your Holy Spirit to bless + these candles so that they may remind us that it is your Spirit that leads us to and unites us to your Son, our Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God Forever and ever. **R.**
Amen

Master of Ceremonies:

All are now invited to come forward and receive the light of the Holy Spirit from our Pascal Candle. The ministers light the candles from the paschal candle and then hands them to the people as they come forward. When they receive their candle the minister says: Receive the light of the Holy Spirit. Then they return to their seats.

8) Closing prayer: After the conclusion of the ritual act the preside goes to the center of the sanctuary and prays:

Father, you continually renew your Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. May we always be open to His power working within us to form us into the body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

9) Announcements: The master of ceremonies makes the announcements. Among them he invites the congregation to blow out their candles and come for fellowship at the social after the service.

10) Final Blessing and Recessional: The presider then continues from the center of the sanctuary:

Presider:

The Lord be with you. **All:** And also with you.

Presider/deacon:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

In the beginning the Holy Spirit hovered over the abyss and all of creation came to be. May the Holy Spirit reform you in the image of the Father. **All:** Amen.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection you have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to form you into His resurrection people. May you become a new creation in the Spirit of Christ.

All: Amen.

When the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary He conceived our Lord within her womb and she became the symbol of the Church. May the life of Christ be manifested in your lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Amen.

May All mighty God bless you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Recessional: At the conclusion of the dismissal the music ministry announces the recessional song, the presider and the other ministers in the procession gather at the foot of the sanctuary. They do the customary reverence and process out as they came in.

Monday Evening Service

THE JOINT MISSION OF JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

SYMBOL: Cross

FOCUS: Sanctification

SACRAMENT: Reconciliation

RITUAL: Sacrament of Reconciliation

1) Welcome: The master of ceremonies welcomes the faithful, introduces the ministers and the evening's symbol and topic. He also gives the topic and symbol for the next night and mass time for tomorrow. He concludes by asking the congregation to remain seated throughout the procession and opening hymn so that everyone may see the symbol as it is carried in.

2) Procession and Greeting: The music ministry introduces to the entrance hymn. The procession begins when the hymn begins. It includes the following ministers in this order. First the symbol bearer, the Redemptorist preacher and then the presider.

On arriving at the sanctuary the symbol bearer and the preacher take their assigned place at the foot of the sanctuary. When the presider arrives at the foot of the sanctuary the presider leads the ministers making the customary sign of reverence. After the reverence, the presider and the Cross bearer ascend the steps of the sanctuary and turn to face the congregation. When the music stops the master of ceremonies signals for the congregation to stand.

Presider:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. *R.* And also with you.

Then the presider takes the cross from the bearer and shows it to the people and proclaims to the congregation:

Presider:

This is the Cross of the Lord through whose merits we receive the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit. May we be united to His cross and resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Then the presider enthrones the cross in its place. Then he will return to the center of the sanctuary to pray over the preacher for the evening.

3) Prayer over the preacher: The preacher kneels before the presider, and he continues:

Presider:

As the minister in the procession joins me near Fr. _____, please join me in this blessing prayer by raising your hands and silently praying along with me. (Pause)

The cross bearer moves near the preacher and places a hand on the shoulder of the preacher.

Almighty God, your Word is strength for your people.

We beg you to send the power of your Holy Spirit

Into the mind and heart of Fr. _____

As he proclaims your Word this night.

Open his heart to speak your Word

And open our hearts to embrace the grace you give us by the power of the Holy Spirit

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R. Amen

4) Gospel Proclamation: At the conclusion of the prayer the preacher stands and the Alleluia or Lenten gospel verse begins. The preacher goes to the ambo and proclaims the gospel. At the conclusion of the proclamation of the Gospel the presider and the cross bearer take their seats.

5) Sermon: The Redemptorist preacher proclaims the evening sermon. The sermon is followed by two to three minutes of reflective music or silence. Instrumental music or a hymn song by the choir is appropriate but there should be no congregational sing.

6) Announcements and introduction to the Penance Service:

At the conclusion of the announcements the ministers may move to their confessional. There will be an examination of conscience followed by the interceptions found below. Then a common act of contrition, the confessor, will be recited. We conclude with the Our Father and the sign of peace.

Father, you promised through the prophet Ezekiel that you shall pour clean water over us and we shall be clean. You would give us a new heart and put a new spirit within us.

You will remove our hearts of stone and give us a heart of flesh. You will put your spirit within us and we will be your people and you will be our God.

Father, we ask you to fulfill your promise for your children gathered here tonight.
Our response to our petitions will be: Come Holy Spirit
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

May your Spirit of Love heal our wound of hatred: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Joy heal our wound of sadness: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Peace heal our wound of anxiety: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Patience heal our wound of pride: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Kindness heal our wound of fear: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Generosity heal our wound of selfishness: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Faithfulness heal our wound of doubt: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Self-control heal our wound of gluttony: **All:** Come Holy Spirit
May your Spirit of Gentleness heal our wound of judging one-another: **All:** Come Holy Spirit

Father, by the merits of your Son's death and resurrection, you re-create us in your image by the Holy Spirit working within us. May we live by the Holy Spirit and may His fruits form us into your children, into your Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

Tuesday Evening Service

THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SYMBOL: Water

FOCUS: Fruits of the Holy Spirit

SACRAMENT: Baptism

RITUAL: Blessing with the Holy Water

1) Welcome: The master of ceremonies welcomes the faithful, introduces the ministers and the evening's symbol and topic. He concludes by asking the congregation to remain seated throughout the procession and opening hymn so that everyone may see the symbol as it is carried in.

2) Procession and Greeting: The music ministry introduces to the entrance hymn. The procession begins when the hymn begins. It includes the following ministers in this order; First the symbol bearer, then the Redemptorist preacher and then the presider.

On arriving at the sanctuary the symbol bearer and the preacher take their assigned place at the foot of the sanctuary. When the presider arrives at the foot of the sanctuary the presider leads the ministers making the customary sign of reverence. After the reverence, the presider and the water bearer ascend the steps of the sanctuary and turns to face the congregation. When the music stops the master of ceremonies signals for the congregation to stand. The presider begins the service.

Presider:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. *R.* Amen.

Then the presider takes the water from the bearer and shows it to the people and proclaims to the congregation:

Presider:

When Christ was baptized with water in the Jordan the Holy Spirit came and rested upon Him.

May the Holy Spirit rest upon all who have been Baptized.

Then the presider enthrones the water in its place. Then will return to the center of the sanctuary to pray over the preacher for the evening.

3) Prayer over the preacher: The preacher kneels before the presider, and he continues:

Presider:

As the minister in the procession joins me near Fr. _____, please join me in this blessing prayer by raising your hands and silently praying along with me. (Pause)

The water bearer moves near the preacher and places a hand on the shoulder of the preacher.

Almighty God,

We beg you to send the power of your Holy Spirit

Into the mind and heart of Fr. _____

As he proclaims your Word this night.

Open our hearts to embrace your sanctifying grace that comes to us
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen

4) Gospel Proclamation: At the conclusion of the prayer the preacher stands and the Alleluia or Lenten gospel verse begins. The preacher goes to the ambo and proclaims the gospel. At the conclusion of the proclamation of the Gospel the presider and the water bearer take their seats.

5) Sermon: The presider and other ministers in the serves take a seat in a convenient place from which to see the preacher and hear the sermon.

The Redemptorist preacher proclaims the evening sermon. The sermon is followed by two to three minutes of reflective music or silence. Instrumental music or a hymn song by the choir is appropriate but there should be no congregational sing.

6) Intro to the Blessing Service: After the time of reflection the master of ceremonies introduces the ritual act for the night. All will be invited to come forward to be blessed by the person before them and then to bless the one behind them.

7) Blessing of the water: After the instructions are concluded the water bearer and presider go to where the water is enthroned. As the water bearer holds the bowl of water near the presider the presider prays:

Presider:

Father, in baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us the sacrament. At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the wellspring of all holiness. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Spirit + give to the water of this font the grace of your Son.

The presider touches the water with his right hand and continues:

We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with Him to newness of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All.** Amen.

The presider then takes the bowl shows it to the people and proclaims:

This is the fountain of life, water made holy by the suffering of Christ, that washes away our sins. You who are washed in this water have hope of heaven's kingdom.

8) Announcements: The master of ceremonies makes the announcements. Among them he invites the congregation to the social, to mass in the morning and to the mission the next night. Then he explains our recessional out which will be our ritual act.

Ritual Act: The presider and preacher take the bowl of water to the bottom of the steps with its stand. The people will be invited to come forward communion style. The presider and preacher bless the first two people in line by making the sign of the cross on their forehead with the water. Then they step forward dip their hand in the water then turns and blesses the one behind them, and so on. In larger churches this may need to be modified according to the normal flow of people at communion.

9) Final Blessing and Recessional: The presider then continues from the center of the sanctuary:

Presider:

The Lord be with you. **All:** And also with you.

Presider/deacon:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Holy Spirit came to rest upon Jesus in the form of a Dove when He was baptized in the Jordan. May the Holy Spirit come to rest upon your hearts and remain with you always. **All:** Amen.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection you have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to form you into His resurrection people. May you become a new creation in the Spirit of Christ. **All:** Amen.

When the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles tongues of fire appeared over their heads. May you be enflamed with the Holy Spirit so as to live in love. **All:** Amen.

May All mighty God bless you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Amen.

At the conclusion of the dismissal the music ministry announces the recessional song. The presider and preach take the bowl of water to the bottom of the steps with its stand. The people will be invited to come forward communion style.

Wednesday Evening Service

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SYMBOL: Oil

FOCUS: Gifts Holy Spirit for ministry in the Church

SACRAMENT: Confirmation

RITUAL: Anointing

1) Welcome: The master of ceremonies welcomes the faithful, introduces the ministers and the evening's symbol and topic. He concludes by asking the congregation to remain seated throughout the procession and opening hymn so that everyone may see the symbol as it is carried in.

2) Procession and Greeting: The music ministry introduces to the entrance hymn. The procession begins when the hymn begins. It includes the following ministers in this order. First the symbol bearer, then the Redemptorist preacher and then the presider.

On arriving at the sanctuary the symbol bearer and the preacher take their assigned place at the foot of the sanctuary. When the presider arrives at the foot of the sanctuary the presider leads the ministers making the customary sign of reverence. After the reverence, the presider and the oil bearer ascend the steps of the sanctuary and turn to face the congregation. When the music stops the master of ceremonies signals for the congregation to stand. The presider begins the service.

Presider:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. *R.* Amen.

Then the presider takes the oil from the bearer and shows it to the people and proclaims to the congregation:

Presider:

This is the oil that the Lord has provided for the needs of His people. It is the fruit from nature and the work of human hands it shall become the **sacramental** that will help empower us to do the works of Christ.

Then the presider enthrones the oil in its place. Then will return to the center of the sanctuary to pray over the preacher for the evening.

3) Prayer over the preacher: The preacher kneels before the presider, and he continues:

Presider:

As the minister in the procession joins me near Fr. _____, please join me in this blessing prayer by raising your hands and silently praying along with me. (Pause)

The oil bearer moves near the preacher and places a hand on the shoulder of the preacher.

Almighty God,
We beg you to send the power of your Holy Spirit
Into the mind and heart of Fr. _____
As he proclaims your Word this night
Open our hearts to embrace the fruits of your Holy Spirit
That you give us to renew our lives
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *r.* Amen

4) Gospel Proclamation: At the conclusion of the prayer the preacher stands and the Alleluia or Lenten gospel verse begins. The preacher goes to the ambo and proclaims the gospel. At the conclusion of the proclamation of the Gospel the presider and the fire bearer take their seats.

5) Sermon: The presider and other ministers in the serves take a seat in a convenient place from which to see the preacher and hear the sermon. The Redemptorist preacher proclaims the evening sermon. The sermon is followed by two to three minutes of reflective music or silence. Instrumental music or a hymn song by the choir is appropriate but there should be no congregational sing.

6) Blessing of the Oil: After the conclusion of the time of meditation the presider goes to the table where the oil is enthroned with the master of ceremonies. While he is stretching out his hands over the oils he reads this blessing while the master of ceremonies holds this book.

Lord God, hear us as we pray and send down your Holy Spirit upon this oil. May you bless this oil and may the Holy Spirit give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it. May He guide them to a deeper understanding of the Gospel; empower them to live out their Christian lives and lead them to a fuller participation in your Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen

7) Intercessions: The presider continues from the center of the sanctuary.

Presider:

Let us now ask God the Father to send His Holy Spirit to strengthen and bless us as we begin again, renewed in our pastoral service in our parish.

Our response will be: Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

That the Holy Spirit might inspire all of us here tonight

to know the pastoral service to which God is calling each of us to in the Church,

Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

By the power of the Holy Spirit may we lighten the burdens of others and assist them in their struggles,

Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

That the Holy Spirit may strengthen our hearts and enlighten our minds,

Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Through our endeavors and the power of the Holy Spirit may this parish grow in faith, hope, and love,

Let us pray to the Lord, **R.** Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

That the Father would send down a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon His people gathered here tonight,

Let us pray to the Lord, **R.** Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Let us pray to the Father in the words Jesus gave us:

ALL: Our father....

Now the presider invites his parishioners to come forward to be anointed in his own words.

If he wishes he may use these or similar words; Now my brothers and sisters I invite you to come forward to one of the ministers to receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into your life that you may be empowered to do the ministry of the Church.

8) The Anointing rite: At this time the ministers of the anointing rite come forward to the normal communion sights ready to anoint the people as they come forward. As they come forward the minister says as they make the sign of the cross on their foreheads with the oil: **May the Holy Spirit that you received at Confirmation be stirred up within you. Once everyone has received their anointing the ministers place their bowls at the cleanup table and wash their hands. Once cleanup is finished the presider returns to the center of the sanctuary and continues:**

9) Announcements:

The master of ceremonies makes the announcements. Among them he invites the congregation to come for fellowship at the social after the service. He informs them that tomorrow evening's service will be a Mass, mentioning the symbol and the topic for the service. He introduces the free will collection to be taken up at Thursday evening's Mass and the way the collection envelopes (supplied by the missionaries) are distributed. He also announces if there will be a Mass in the morning or not (preferably not).

10) Closing Prayer:

Presider:

Let us pray:

Lord God, may the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead rise up within your people gathered here. May the Holy Spirit empower us to walk in your will and to do all that you have called us to in the Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen

Thursday Evening Service

UNITY: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SYMBOL EUCHARIST

FOCUS: UNITY

TOPIC: How does the Holy Spirit unite us in the one body of Christ, The Church

Ritual: Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit,

Notes for the presider and liturgy team:

- The proper for the Mass will be (unless there is a major feast for the day) a votive Mass to the Holy Spirit using “C” option for prayers, Preface P54 - P 55.
- Unless there are specific readings for a major feast, (with the permission of the main celebrant of the Mass) the preacher will determine the readings for the Mass, which could be two or three readings. It would be nice if the Responsorial Psalm was sung together with the Alleluia or Lent gospel verse. The preacher will proclaim the gospel unless there is a deacon present.
- The homily will be given by the missionary preacher and will be 25-30 minutes long.
- The Prayer of the Faithful may be done spontaneously or prepared beforehand by the missionary and a copy given to the lector or deacon. The presider will ad-lib the introduction and the closing prayer.
- After the closing prayer the missionary who did the pre-mission meeting will thank the people for their cooperation and hard work towards the success of the mission; asks for their prayers for the next mission; calls attention to any mementos to be given to those who participated in the mission; invites the congregation to the social; and any other pertinent announcements.
- After the missionary speaks the presider/pastor of the parish may say a few words as well.
- Other than this the Mass will be celebrated as if it were any Sunday Mass in the parish.

1) Welcome: The master of ceremonies welcomes the faithful, introduces the ministers and evening’s symbol and topic and invites the people to stand.

2) Blessing and Commissioning of the congregation: After the announcements the presider continues.

Presider:

The Lord be with you. **R.** And also with you.

Deacon/Presider:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. **(Pause)**

May the Holy Spirit be with you to enlighten you, before you to guide you, above you to protect you, within you to sustain you, all the days of your life.

May God Bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **r.** Amen.

Recall Sunday night when I commissioned Fr. _____ and Fr. _____
to preach the gospel in our parish.
My brothers and sisters in Christ,
By the power invested in me by our Bishop _____,
I now commission you to go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit
To preach the Gospel with your words and actions,
To minister to the sick and the dying,
To bring peace and unity where there is hatred and division
To build up the body of Christ, which is the Church.

Our celebration is ended, go now united in the Holy Spirit to love and serve God in each other.