



# Plunging our Roots into Christ

*“That you, rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ that surpasses understanding.”*

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## **A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization**



Very soon, we will celebrate the great and glorious feast of Pentecost. During this feast, we fix our gaze on the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit. In God, the eternal outpouring of love between the Father and the Son perpetually bears new life in the person of the Holy Spirit. In God the Holy Spirit, we discover that love, of its nature, gives life. It is the very right, then, that we worship the Holy Spirit as “Lord and Giver of Life.” He is the wellspring of life in the Godhead and he is the wellspring of life in the Church and in each of our hearts.

It follows, then, that in any circumstance where new life is needed, it is the Holy Spirit whom we invoke. When our relationships are becoming stale, we invoke a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When our family life is sagging under the weight of monotony, conflict or sin, we beg the fire of God’s love to purify, heal and restore. When our job seems meaningless or our life seems directionless, we surrender ourselves in a special way to Him who is Giver of new life.

In a special way, we in the Church of Philadelphia experience that we are in need of new life. We have suffered very much in recent years under the scourge of scandal, school and parish closures, and financial crisis. On top of this, we feel the heavy weight of the moral decline of the culture around us. But our faith impels us to believe that “the Spirit who raised Jesus Christ from the dead,” (Rom 8:11) can also raise from death our wounded faith, our wounded Church, our wounded communities and our wounded world. We need only ask the Father for this great Gift, a new outpouring of the Lord and Giver of Life.

On November 1 of this year, we will join with all the saints of the Church and implore God for a new Pentecost upon the Church of Philadelphia. This will be our prayer and focus during the 2014 Catholic Life Congress with the theme “A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization.” At this event, through the celebration of Mass, through dynamic speakers, and through a closing prayer service invoking a new Pentecost, we will not only *talk about* a new Pentecost, but we will actually *ask for* a new Pentecost to happen for us on that day and in the months to follow. I encourage all of you to attend this momentous event, to join with us in a prayer for a new Pentecost for the Church of Philadelphia and to invite others to join you! You can learn all about it by visiting: [www.PhillyCongress.org](http://www.PhillyCongress.org)