

## Thought for the week

### Pentecost

*“As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit”*

(John 20: v21/22)

There are three persons in the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Sometimes however, we can think and act as if there are only two: God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit can be relegated from our thinking and less of a focus in our daily lives. We pray to the Father, we turn to the Son, but do we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit?

St John Vianney said: “Those who are led by the Holy Spirit have true ideas; that is why so many ignorant people are wiser than the learned. The Holy Spirit is light and strength.”

Perhaps we don't evangelize or win souls for Christ because we have lost sight of the role and working of the Holy Spirit.

Pope John Paul had this to say

*“Evangelisation will never be possible without the action of the Holy Spirit. It is he who in the depths of consciences causes the word of salvation to be accepted and understood.”*

When we examine our conscience regarding our enthusiasm (or not) for evangelization and being a witness of faith, we need to ask ourselves: Do we really believe what I am proclaiming? Do we really live what we believe? If we haven't turned to the Holy Spirit before we ask these questions, we certainly will after we have asked them.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the faith of the earth.

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