

Pentecost and Mission

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Discussion Questions – 8th Grade

1. Throughout the New Testament we read “The Kingdom of God is at hand” or “is near” depending on the translation. We are also told to “repent and be faithful to the gospel.” And at Pentecost we see that this mission of Jesus and the Spirit is given to those gathered in the upper room, the beginnings of Christ’s Church. So, the questions remain, what is the mission of Jesus and the Holy Spirit (or better yet the mission of God)? Are we ready to take up the mission of the Spirit?
2. In paragraph 733 of the Catechism we read, “‘God is Love’ and love is his first gift, containing all others”. If we are called to take up the mission of God, to be like Him in this world, then in fact we are meant to be love. What do you think it means to Be Love? *See 1 Cor 13 for examples of our understanding of Love. For a better understanding of God replace the word Love with God. For a better understanding of ourselves replace Love with our own name and see if the statements hold true. Ask God for help to make the statements true.*
3. In paragraph 738 of the Catechism we read, “Thus the Church’s mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but rather is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.” What is the definition of “sacrament”? *A sacrament is ‘an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace’ or ‘an efficacious sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which divine life is dispensed to us through the work of the Holy Spirit.* How is the Church herself a sacrament? How are you, as a member of the Church, a disciple (*follower*) of Christ, a Sacrament?
4. In our Baptism in Christ, we are given the Holy Spirit, wholly and undivided. At our Confirmation, the Spirit of God, which is already present within us, is strengthened. How can you continue to dispose your hearts, minds and bodies to receive the Holy Spirit even more fully each day? (see paragraph 741 for reference.)