



**Led by the Spirit ...
to Live into Our Legacy**
Local Chapter - Fall Reflection
**Picking Up Where We Left Off
at the Gathering in June**



Opening Song: “*Spirit of the Living God*”

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
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A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 61:1-3

“The Spirit of the Living GOD has been given to me, because God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor; God has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to those who are imprisoned; to proclaim a year of favor from our God and the day of vengeance of the Lord; to comfort and console all those who mourn, to give them a garland of beauty for ashes, the oil of joy and gladness for a robe of mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of despondency, that they may be called ‘terebinths of integrity,’ planted by the Spirit of the Living God who is to be glorified.”

A Reflection from Our Franciscan Tradition

Francis called the Holy Spirit “The Minister General of the Order.” He believed that the Holy Spirit was guiding him and the Order. He relied upon the Holy Spirit and had total confidence that the Holy Spirit would never fail him. For Francis and for all Franciscans it is the Holy Spirit that inflames us to follow in the footprints of Jesus Christ. The prayer he offered his friars in his Letter to the entire Order expresses this well. “*Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant us in our misery the grace to do for You alone what we know You want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You. Thus, inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened, and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footprints of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

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Silent Reflection

During these months of June, July and August,

- Where have I felt the Spirit leading me?
- How has this movement influenced my life?

At the conclusion of the time for silent reflection, the convener invites each person to pray these words aloud individually as the group listens contemplatively.

“Whether I turn to my right or to my left, my ears will hear these words behind me,
‘This is the way, follow it.’” Isaiah 30:20



Local Chapter Discussion: Led by the Spirit ... Living into Our Legacy

Please follow the Guide Sheet

Remembering the People and Places in Need of Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, lead us where you would have us go. Give us your grace and the strength that we need in order to continue creating a community of believing, belonging and becoming for a new moment in our history. Help us to recognize and share the gifts that you have given us. Help us to care for one another in ways that every Sister and Associate knows that she/he is loved unconditionally. Help us to see the face of Christ in all those we serve and encounter. Help us to live into our legacy with generous, loving, and joyful hearts. Show us your ways of compassion, mercy and justice that we truly may be Your instruments of peace, reconciliation and hope in our Common Home. May this be so in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Song:

“ In the Footprints of Jesus” Cathy Tisel Nelson

Refrain:

May we follow in footprints of Jesus Christ,
as we make our way to You.

Inwardly cleansed and enlightened, on fire with the Spirit,
May we follow in the footprints of Jesus, the Christ.

