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Reflection for Liturgy for Pentecost
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Today in celebrating the feast of Pentecost we the Church commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' 12 Apostles.

It was at the Last Supper that Jesus told the Apostles that He and His father would send them the Spirit who would reveal to them all truth and be their advocate.

As described by Luke in *Acts 2*, the events of Pentecost are preceded by divinely orchestrated theophanies of loud wind and tongues of fire, in the midst of which the 12 Apostles undergo a complete trans-formation: Peter who had denied Jesus in the presence of a servant girl, now proclaims Him before a crowd of 3,000. When the other 11 speak, they are understood in the foreigner's own language. In the days that followed, all 12 no longer hid from the authorities, but boldly preached the name and teaching of Jesus, no longer intimidated by threats or actual imprisonment. Eventually, 11 surrendered to martyrdom.

Pentecost harkens back to Old Testament events; Moses at Sinai: amidst theophany of wind, thunder, fire, Moses with the 12 tribes present, ascends the mountain to God to receive God's Covenant for his new people.

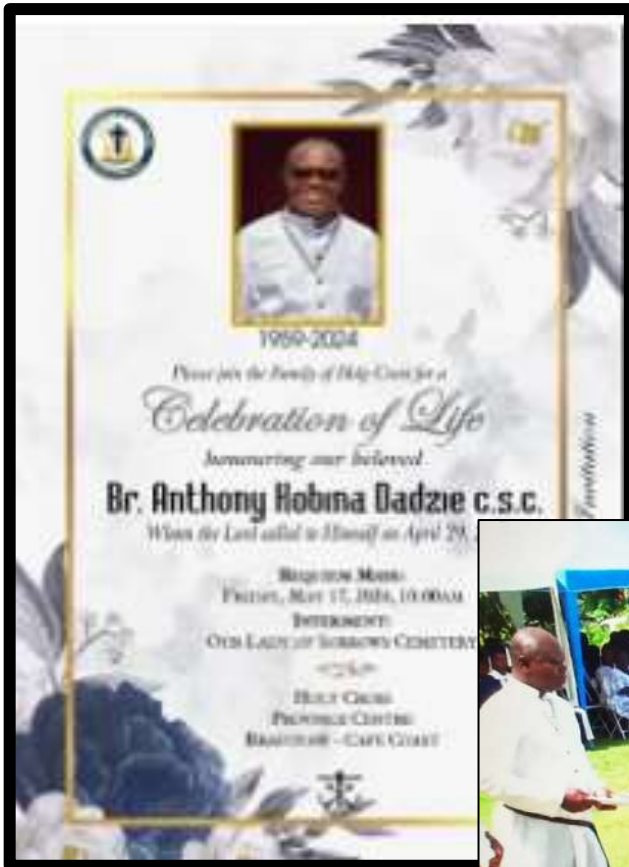
The Apostles' speaking in tongues reminds us of the opposite of the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel.

As a member of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit is the personified procession of the love between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit transforms us through love.

Like the Apostles, we have experienced Pentecost at our baptism, confirmation, and, as religious, our profession of vows. With our cooperation, the Holy Spirit has been the means of any success we have so far become and/or achieved.

According to Holy Scripture (Philip, Peter, and John) there are five signs of the Holy Spirit present and at work: (1) ability to provide nearly miraculously righteous good example; (2) constant joy; (3) explainable hope; (4) consistent love; the willing of good to another; 5) insatiable determination to learn everything by every means possible about Jesus.

So let us pray today: ‘Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful, and enkindle within us the fire of your love, and renew the face of the earth/’



Brother Anthony Dadzie, C.S.C.

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Sharing Earth

Slithering, slinking,
slipping sleuthingly, sliding and
sinuating its sinuous serpentine self
weaving warily, advancing always, beady-eyed,
tongue of blackened, bifurcated, flexible steel,
testing, sensing sweltering sun and me,
the serpent bellies vermicularly me-ward.



Diabolic, crafty in its mastery
of misdirected movement,
the asp approaches as it will,
hypnotizing by its calculated, casual, camouflaged
and leisurely gliding even more closely me-ward.

One lengthy sinew, leather-like
and flexed in faux respect,
three-sided, flattened skull and hingeless jaw,
with piercing, evil eyes set far apart and fixed,
the scaled, anachronistic archfiend

from other places, other times,
shows not a whit of condescension sharing earth
with cautious, vigilant, reluctant humans now,
and exercising dominance, though by default,
by simply being what its snakeship is designed to be—
and that, for most of us, when measured tooth to fang,
comprises more than we prefer to bargain with.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**
December 8, 2001



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

“Not a Day Goes By”

If you have seen the movie “Sister Act” you know that when the nuns are singing “I will follow Him” they are referring to their relationship to Jesus. Other popular songs could also be thought of as referring to a relationship to Jesus or to God. The song I have in mind comes from Stephen Sondheim’s musical “Merrily We Roll Along” – “Not a Day Goes by.” It is a song that could refer to our relationship with God or Jesus or even Jesus’ or God’s relationship to us. Repeat it again and again from each point of view.

*Not a Day goes by
Not a single day
But you’re somewhere a part of my
life
And it looks like you’ll stay
As the days go by
I keep thinking when does it end
But I just go on thinking and
reaching and waking and dying
And no, not a day goes by*

*Not a blessed day
And you won’t go away
...And until I die
I’ll die day after day after day
after day
Till the days go by.
Till the days go by.”*

- How real is God in your life?
- How would you describe your feelings toward Jesus (God)?
- How would you describe the love Jesus (God) has for you?

O God, help me experience you day after day after day.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Pictured: (L-to-R) front row, Br. James Kane, C.S.C., John Mullen; back row, Hon. Paul Matasavage, Peter Joeckel, Richard Palmieri, members of the 1975 T&F Team.


The 2023-2024 Crusader Hall of Honor, Holy Cross HS, Waterbury, CT


Holy Cross High School inducted ten individuals and one athletic team into the 2023-2024 Crusader Hall of Honor, honoring teams, clubs, groups or organizations that have brought respect and honor to Holy Cross High School because of their outstanding accomplishments while in high school. The ceremony took place at Holy Cross High School on Saturday, April 27, 2024. The inductees for the 2023-2024 Crusader Hall of Honor included a number of school community members and graduates, as well as Br. Robert Fontaine, C.S.C., posthumous recipient of the Blessed Father Basil Moreau Award. The Green and Gold Award was presented to more than 20 members of the 1975 Naugatuck Valley League Championship Track and Field Team, including coaches Br. James Kane, C.S.C., and John Dombrowski.

Midwest-Midweek will break for the month of June. Look toward July for the next publication.

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