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On Sunday, May 23, we will celebrate the feast of **Pentecost**. It was on **Pentecost** that the **Holy Spirit**, the **Third Person** of the Blessed Trinity, promised by Jesus, first came to the disciples.

“All the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven **like** the roaring of a mighty **windstorm**, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what **looked** like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and were **changed** into courageous disciples.” (Acts 2:1-4)

Just who is this **Third Person** of the **Blessed Trinity**? How would you explain the **Trinity** to a child? Well, when I was teaching **third** grade, the **Spirit** presented the concept of using a **mirror** to explain it. So, I asked the children if they were standing in front of a full-size mirror, would they see themselves there? Of course, the answer was “**yes**”. Then, I asked if that was **really** them. And the answer was “**no**”. It was an **exact image** of them, but **not** them.

And, so it is with the **Blessed Trinity**. Jesus is the **exact image** of the Father, but **not** the Father and the **love** between them that **unites** them is the **Holy Spirit**.

Through the grace of **baptism** and **confirmation**, each of us has been filled with the **life** and **power** of this same **Holy Spirit**. This **Spirit** of **love** lives within each of us. Yes, the **Creator** of the universe has made His home in us. Isn't that **awesome**?

In high school I remember putting in the upper left-hand corner of papers when I was taking a **test**, the letters **CHS**, (Come Holy Spirit) Why? Because the Spirit **enlightens** us when making decisions if we ask for help. And, of course, I wanted all the help I could get when taking a test! Later, when I was teaching, I would tell my students **not** to put CHS there if they **hadn't** studied. We need to do our part, too!

And, do you pray for the **guidance** of the Holy Spirit **before** making **important** decisions? Or, do you just count on your own limitations?