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Solemnity of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy and hope!

“Inspired by the Spirit: Rekindling Hope and Renewal”

On this sacred Pentecost Sunday, our hearts gather in a spirit of renewal and divine inspiration. Today, we vividly recall the wondrous moment when tongues of fire descended upon the disciples, a testament to the Holy Spirit's transformative power that inspired them to proclaim the Good News, resonating in many voices, uniting all people. This same Spirit that ignited the hearts of Christ's earliest followers lives in each of us, infusing our lives with courage, hope, and the strength to face our everyday challenges.

In our journey of faith, the Holy Spirit remains our constant guide, a presence that welcomed us at baptism and continues to kindle a flame within our souls. As we celebrate Pentecost, the many gifts God has lavished upon us remind us to use these blessings with purpose: to uplift our families, strengthen our community, and spread the light of Christ throughout our world.

Today, in a profound echo of that Pentecostal fire, our Church rejoices in the election of our new Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. Just as the Holy Spirit moved in the upper room to empower the disciples, it has similarly guided the College of Cardinals in choosing a shepherd for our universal family. Pope Leo XIV, with his heart aflame from divine inspiration, embodies the renewal and hope that Pentecost brings. His call to embrace service, unity, peace, and love invites us to journey together as one body under the ever-present guidance of the Spirit.

With the late Pope Francis' call to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are more awakened to the Divine Inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to rekindle our hope in the Risen Lord, and to be moved to share His Good News of Salvation, not only to experience hope with ourselves but also to be bearers of hope wherever we go.

May the spirit of Pentecost and Pope Leo XIV's new leadership inspire us all to be living testimonies of God's grace. As we embrace these sacred gifts, let us move forward with boldness and compassion, renewing the face of the earth with every act of love and service.

Your fellow pilgrim of hope,

Fr. Pascual