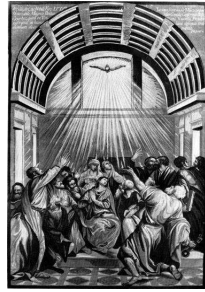


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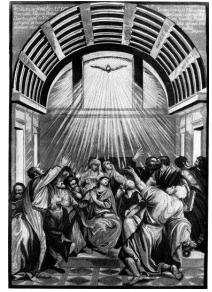
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### INTRODUCTION.

1. **It is good to have a friend** to whom we can always go, in doubt and perplexity, who will tell us the right thing to do. It is better still to have this friend close to us, living in the house with us.
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4. **We ask that He may both direct and rule our hearts.** A government may make wise laws, but they are no use unless they put forth power to carry them out, and unless people submit to that power. By the laws they direct, by the power they rule.
5. **So the Holy Spirit gives us strength to do as He guides.** He not only shows us that a thing is right, but He makes us happy in doing it. He not only shows that a thing is wrong, but He makes us feel misery and pain if we do the wrong.

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### 1. **To the Early Church.**

As Jews the apostles had the Holy Ghost *with* them. But He should be *in* them. He began to be in them when our Lord breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (St. John 20:22). He came to them on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4) and renewed His Presence at every time of need (Acts 4:31). He was in those who came after them (Acts 8:17, 10:44, 8:52, 19:6).

### 2. **To Ourselves.**

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### 1. **He guided the Apostles.**

a. By helping them to remember, and to teach and to write what Jesus had done and taught b. By showing them what truth and doctrine the church ought to teach and believe c. By helping them to decide rightly some difficult questions. (Acts 10:19-20, 15:29-29) d. By teaching them what they ought to say and how they ought to act in times of trial (St. Matthew 10:19-20, Acts 9:8)

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