

# A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

## FOR THE RENEWAL AND SPREAD OF THE FAITH

On the feast of Pentecost, May 23, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne will promulgate a new pastoral plan for the Archdiocese of Seattle. The archbishop invites Catholics to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost (May 14–22), for the intention of the renewal and spread of the faith. The novena prayer is a translation of the traditional Pentecost hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus*.



Come, Creator Spirit,  
visit the minds of those who are yours;  
fill with heavenly grace  
the hearts that you have made.

You who are named the Paraclete,  
gift of God most high,  
living fountain, fire, love  
and anointing for the soul.

You are sevenfold in your gifts,  
you are finger of God's right hand,  
you, the Father's solemn promise  
putting words upon our lips.

Kindle a light in our senses,  
pour love into our hearts,  
infirmities of this body of ours  
overcoming with strength secure.

The enemy drive from us away,  
peace then give without delay;  
with you as guide to lead the way  
we avoid all cause of harm.

Grant we may know the Father through you,  
and come to know the Son as well,  
and may we always cling in faith to you,  
the Spirit of them both.

Amen.