

Pastoral Message: April 24, 2022

I believe we have certainly been through a time of renewal here at St Agnes during Lent and now the Easter season. This has happened through our synod listening sessions, the parish renewal of Becoming a Pope Francis Church with Bishop John Stowe, and with a beautiful sacred Triduum and our Easter Masses. This happened because of all of you and your openness to responding to the Lord's call. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard offering time, talent, and treasure so that we could have this time of renewal. I thank everyone who worked so hard—our ministers, our staff, and all the laity—for their willingness to serve and say yes to the call. May we continue to ask the Holy Spirit to renew us as we move through this Easter season toward Pentecost. A good way to continue to do that is to pray the prayer of the Holy Spirit that was prayed every day at the Second Vatican Council and is now the prayer of our Synod that we have been praying regularly. When we call on the Holy Spirit, she will not let us down, and we have already experienced that as a community.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the
Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.*