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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a journey it has been since Ash Wednesday. An impactful Lent and now a glorious Easter Season. Here we are at the Feast of Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit Come! We are not orphans! Jesus has not left us to fend for ourselves. Come Holy Spirit Come! The ultimate spiritual assistance for our journey! This is a great day to celebrate the birthday of the Church and to reflect on our openness to letting the Holy Spirit lead.

We are reminded in the Prologue to the OFS Rule that "We are spouses when the faithful soul is joined by the Holy Spirit to our Lord Jesus Christ." Articles 1 and 4 of the OFS Rule reference the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has raised up the Franciscan Family. The Holy Spirit leads us into the truth and the life of Jesus Christ.

I received a prayer card in the mail with the following prayer:

#### **Holy Spirit Prayer by St. Augustine**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.  
Amen.

<https://www.vocationministry.com/shop/holy-spirit-prayer-by-st-augustine/>

#### **Other News and Reminders:**

Another special guest at the Quinquennial. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, I received word that our Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Gabrielle Caccia, will be attending the Quinquennial Congress. He's the representative of the Holy Father to the United States. He started this assignment on May 1. His previous assignment was to the United Nations. It is an honor to have him with us to celebrate this Jubilee year. The details are being finalized now. We will report to everyone as soon as we know.

Q Registration. The Q is just two months away. Registration officially closes on June 15. However, people may want to take advantage of the lower registration fee good through May 30<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/21st-quinquennial-congress-q2026/>

Come Holy spirit come! Enjoy some cake today too.

Your sister in Christ,

*Jane*

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On behalf of the NEC