

# EMMANUEL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT ENCOUNTER

## WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 6 ~ DAY 4

Today's theme is *Confirmation*.  
The Spirit of our Lord is active and breaths life within us. The Holy Spirit sends us forth to live and act in the name of the Lord Jesus. When we receive the Lord, our lives are changed and we change others.

Scripture passages to read, and spend some time in silence with:

**Acts 1:8** ~ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Matthew 28:19** ~ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**John 6:53** ~ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

**Acts 2:1-47** ~ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

**1 Corinthians 6:19** ~ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own.

### Reflection/Discussion Questions

What do you recall from the day of your confirmation? What is one lesson or part of your preparation that you recall as being impactful?

What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit specifically?

What are the traditional symbols or signs that are used to represent the Holy Spirit, what do they reveal?

Who do you know that seems to be alive with the Holy Spirit, how does that person live that way?

How can you be more open and receptive of the Spirit?

### Devotional Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

### Activity

At World Youth Day, the icon of our Lady is received by the youth of the world with great devotion. Mary was the perfect instrument of the Holy Spirit throughout her whole life; we see this clearly at both the Annunciation and at Pentecost. We are called to honor the mother of God because Jesus honored her as His mother and we want to be like Jesus. Spend sometime today praying the rosary or doing another type of devotion to honor Mary. Ask the Lord to help you to be receptive and open as Mary was. Post a pic of your favorite Marian image  
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### WORLD YOUTH DAY FACTS FOR THE DAY

**YEAR- 2008**

**LOCATION- SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**ATTENDANCE- 400,000** **THEME- RECEIVE THE POWER**

**HOLY FATHER- POPE BENEDICT**

**SCRIPTURE- "YOU WILL RECEIVE THE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU." ACTS 1:8**