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**“THE HOLY SPIRIT
IS THE TRUE HOPE
OF THE WORLD.”**

—POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



The Wild Goose is loose! The name “Wild Goose” was used by the ancient Celts to refer to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable: a journey to the very Heart of God.

In preparation for the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost on May 28, encourage your parishioners to know and experience the Holy Spirit in a new way through this 14-part series. Each 30-minute segment of *The Wild Goose* delves into a different experience of the Holy Spirit and is rooted in passages of Scripture. Throughout the series, testimonies about how the Holy Spirit has changed their lives are given by various Catholics.

Produced by The Ministry of the Wild Goose and 4pm Media, *The Wild Goose* series aims to lead participants into a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, who brings transformation and freedom.



This series is led by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville. A nationally known author and speaker, Fr. Dave dedicates his ministry to helping others come to know God’s love for them through preaching and writing.

This program can be used by both individuals and small groups and has discussion questions and reflections available for each episode. PDF versions of the study guide are available for download on FORMED, and *Wild Goose* journals are available for purchase at Catholic.Market.

Invite the Holy Spirit into your parish this Pentecost through this series, available on FORMED in both English and Spanish.

HIGHLIGHTS ON FORMED

This May, consider highlighting these pieces of content on FORMED within your parish:



A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries

During the month of May, we celebrate the feasts of two of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary: the Ascension (May 18) and Pentecost (May 28). Aid your parishioners in praying the Rosary more deeply with this Bible study, led by Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute.

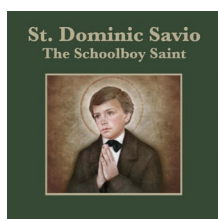


Catholic Moms Summit

With Mother's Day approaching on May 14, honor the mothers in your parish by highlighting the Catholic Moms Summit on FORMED. A collection of almost one hundred talks from Catholic mothers, the Catholic Moms Summit contains videos applicable to mothers in all seasons of life and is sure to provide encouragement for all the mothers in your parish.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

To enrich your parishioners' knowledge of and devotion to prominent saints who have May feast days, check out these resources on FORMED:

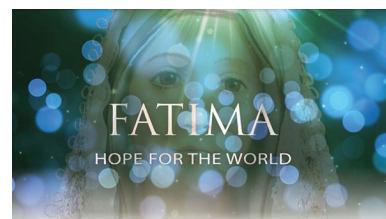


May 6: St. Dominic Savio

St. Dominic Savio: The Schoolboy Saint tells the story of a young Italian saint from the 19th century. Dominic was an energetic, motivated youth who yearned to know more about God and give everything to him, challenging his friends to do the same as he grew in wisdom and holiness. Encourage your parishioners to listen to this engaging 30-minute audio drama which will entertain and inspire Catholics young and old.

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

Aid your parish in celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Fatima with *Fatima: Hope for the World*, a 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. These 5-minute videos include details of the apparitions, historical context, the secrets of Fatima, the visionary children and their missions, Our Lady's specific requests, and the importance of responding to her call.



May 26: St. Philip Neri

Saint Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy tells the story of a mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men who had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart. Dr. Christopher Blum beautifully presents the life of St. Philip Neri in this 30-minute episode of *True Reformers*. For deeper reflection, download the *True Reformers* study guide to apply this saint's practices to Christian life today.

CONTENT SPOTLIGHT

In May, Mental Health Awareness Month, consider using these resources in your parish to begin a conversation about what we can do for members of our communities who live with mental illness.

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics explores the realities of mental health and illness within the context of the Catholic faith. This eight-session course, available in both English and Spanish, is created for use in adult small groups. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. Leader and participant guides to accompany this series are available for download on FORMED.

Mental Health in Parish Ministry is a Revive Parishes course designed for parish leaders to understand how to minister to those facing mental health concerns. Led by Sister Josephine

Garrett, a sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth and licensed counselor, this course explores the intersection of mental health and the Catholic faith, offering advice for serving the whole human person and aiding them in living a life of self-giving. Use this course with your parish employees and volunteers to assist them in ministering to Catholics who struggle with mental health issues.

Teenage Mental Health with Sister Josephine Garrett is a series of 17 short videos designed for parents, mentors, and youth ministers. This series covers many aspects of teenage mental health from information about the crisis of teenage mental health as well as practical tips for accompanying teens in caring for their mind, body, and soul. Consider hosting a parent formation night at your parish to equip them with resources to care for their teens.



DEVOTIONAL CONTENT



In preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 28, invite your parishioners to set aside two minutes a day for a novena to the Holy Spirit. Beginning on May 19, parishioners will pray the original novena of the apostles, the *Pentecost Novena*. Led by Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp, this novena calls upon the Holy Spirit to increase his gifts in us. A PDF version of this novena is also available on FORMED.



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