

## PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE—PRAXIS (9-29-19)

### GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. Iconic Beginning (The Holy Family) and Current Full, Visible Expression (The Catholic Church)—Ways of Love through, with, and in the One Way of Christ:
  - A. Joseph/Jesus/Mary: Marriage and the Domestic Church
  - B. Foster Father Joseph: Foster Care of a child or children without one or more parent(s)
  - C. Celibacy of Joseph/Jesus: Priestly and Religious Life for Men
  - D. Virginity of Mary: Religious Life of Women as Sisters/Nuns/Consecrated Virgins
  - E. Whatever “Way” = Communion and Mission as a Disciple and Missionary
    1. God has a DESTINY FOR EACH PERSON—a life of true love in freedom and glory—the vocation of holiness and love (holy communion)
    2. Only by knowing and serving God in cooperation with His Holy Spirit as grace will a human person fully experience:
      - a. Life
      - b. Love
      - c. Freedom
      - d. Truth
      - e. Goodness
      - f. Beauty (Radiance or Glory)
- II. The Holy Spirit will Reveal your Vocation to you **IF** you: Believe/Celebrate/Live/Pray
  - A. **BELIEVE**—Renew your Baptismal Promises each morning.
  - B. **CELEBRATE**—Cooperate with the Holy Spirit and Worship in Spirit and Truth:
    1. If you are aware of grave or mortal sin(s)—**GO TO CONFESSION**
    2. **ATTEND MASS WHEN REQUIRED** and **RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN A STATE OF GRACE** (having confessed all unconfessed mortal sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Communion)
  - C. **LIVE**—Ask the Holy Spirit and your guardian angel to remind you:
    1. To acknowledge Christ’s Presence in the Eucharist at points during each day
    2. To call upon Mary at points during each day
    3. To call upon the Holy Spirit to increase your love of God:
      - a. In times when you are tempted to sin out of fear
      - b. In times when you are tempted to sin by “eating” forbidden fruit
  - D. **PRAY**—“Our Father,” “Hail Mary,” and “Glory Be” before going to sleep.
  - E. **CENTRAL FOCUS—GETTING INTO AND REMAINING IN A STATE OF GRACE—OBEDIENCE TO GOD DOES TWO THINGS:**
    1. Gives CLARITY OF VISION (Purity of Heart)
    2. Puts LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR INTO ACTION

## TABLE TALK QUESTION

Do you believe that most Catholics base their way of life—including vocation and profession—primarily in response to the Holy Spirit or in a response to the flesh and to the secular culture? Whether you respond “yes” or “no,” explain why you answered in this way.

## SACRED SEVEN QUESTIONS (T/F)

- \_\_\_ 1. The Son of God has always been the Son of Mary.
- \_\_\_ 2. In Scripture, an angel refers to Joseph as “son of David.”
- \_\_\_ 3. According to God’s revelation, those who do not have biological children can experience motherhood or fatherhood.
- \_\_\_ 4. Mary becomes Mother of Christ the Head at the Incarnation and Mother of the members of Christ’s Body at the foot of the Cross.
- \_\_\_ 5. Jesus is a human person like His foster father Joseph.
- \_\_\_ 6. One must be free in order to love in truth.
- \_\_\_ 7. Since love is not an act of justice and can never be demanded of us.

## MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Renewal of Baptismal Promises,” “Angel of God,” “Glory Be”
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (15-30 minutes):
  - A. The Rosary
  - B. Journal Meditation:
    - 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
    - 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
    - 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition:
  - A. Did I call upon the Holy Spirit and my guardian angel to help me to notice and respond to the movements and actions of the Holy Spirit of Love in me and in others?
  - B. Did I cooperate with the movements and actions of the Holy Spirit in myself to love God and others, or did I resist these inspirations?
  - C. Did I cooperate with the movements and actions of the Holy Spirit in others to help them, and me, to share and experience the love of God and neighbor, or did I ignore others’ inspirations and harden my heart?



