

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

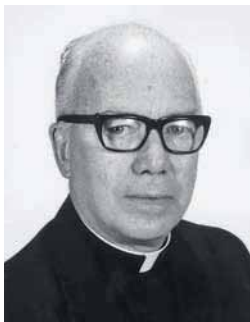
The Holy Spirit Guides Us

In the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke describes the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. First the room filled with a sound like a strong wind. Then came tongues of fire that rested on each of them. The disciples left the house alive in the Holy Spirit. The passage gives us no description of this house; the building itself was not significant. The real importance is that from a small gathering of people, numbering only about as many as one could fit into an average home, our Church was born. Clearly, God can accomplish great things from small beginnings. Your child is taking his or her first steps into the life of God's Church. Where will these small beginnings lead?

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Through Baptism all of us are alive in the Spirit. How well do your family's activities and prayers reflect this fact? Discuss ways in which you might improve.

Our Catholic Heritage



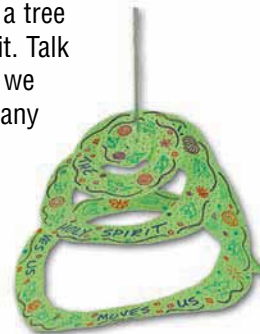
Monsignor John Egan was a priest from the Ravenswood neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois. During the 1960s in Chicago, through the work of the Holy Spirit, he became a prominent force in community organization. He helped promote a general call for a higher social concern by using the Catholic Church and its teachings to combat poverty, while working toward strengthening urban apostolates and inner-city race relations. The committees and organizations he served with included the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race, the Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council Board of Governors, and the Archdiocesan Committee on Poverty. Father Egan's commitment to the Catholic Church and its mission to act as a catalyst in organizing and improving social welfare is an inspiring example of the Holy Spirit in action.

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Hints for at Home

Construct a Holy Spirit Wind Catcher with your child. On a piece of sturdy paper or cardboard, trace around a plate. Cut out the circle, and continue cutting it into a spiral. Along the spiral, write the words *The Holy Spirit Moves Us*. Using string, hang your wind catcher in a tree where the wind will move it. Talk with your child about how we cannot see the Holy Spirit any more than we can see the wind, but we still know that the Holy Spirit exists. Explain that through the Holy Spirit we are moved to be kind, loving, and helpful.



Focus on Prayer

Your child is reviewing the Sign of the Cross. Practice it together, and then discuss a kind act your child performed recently. Praise your child for it, while commenting on how this act revealed the Holy Spirit in your child's heart. Enjoy talking quietly with your child.