

Celebrating Pentecost

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 25**.

On the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the Church 50 days after Easter. Pentecost occurred nine days after Jesus' Ascension into heaven. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, making it possible for them to share God's Word.

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On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in the past and in the present. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to serve the Kingdom of God.

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Saint John Paul II was the first pope from Poland. He was known as a peacemaker and a defender of the dignity of human life. He lived a life of openness and charity.

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To beatify and canonize a person, two miracles must be proven to be attributed to the intercession of the person.

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Pope John Paul II announced that 1985 would be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. He called people to witness to their faith in specific ways. Pope John Paul II also instituted World Youth Day so that young people could renew their faith.

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Saint John Paul II taught us that we can respond to people being indifferent about their faith by showing how living as a Christian gives meaning to life.

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During his papacy, Saint John Paul II used the term *New Evangelization* to describe our call to serve as evangelists to those who have not yet heard the Gospel, as well as to those who need to hear it anew.

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Pope Benedict XVI established a Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, which studies and promotes the use of modern technology in the work of evangelization.

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The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, patience, faithfulness, joy, kindness, gentleness, peace, generosity, and self-control.

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We are called to be regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit and to give witness to the saving grace and truth that is Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is at the center of our lives, ready to help us.

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