

CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

where is the Holy Spirit drawing you?



This unit, 'Called by the Holy Spirit' builds on 'Called to Listen' and hopes to give a deeper introduction into journeying with God. Before we jump right into doing something, as well as throughout the process, it is important to reflect on the why and how. Where is God calling us? What are the temptations and distractions from this call? Where is the Spirit drawing you? Your community?

Reflection

Jesus came down to Earth to be among the people and teach them how to live, to share God's love and make of *us* disciples. After the resurrection, when it was time to depart from this Earth, Jesus told His disciples that it was His time to leave, but that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them, to stay with and guide them.

Spend five minutes watching the following video clip about The Holy Spirit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNNZO9iIGjc>



“ How can I serve people better and prove most helpful to our world and to the Church? What is my real place in this world? What can I offer to society? Even more realistic questions then follow: Do I have the abilities needed to offer this kind of service? Could I develop those abilities? ”
-Pope Francis Letter to young people, “Christ is Alive”

Think about your school community, parish community or your local area now.

**How has it changed since the coronavirus pandemic?
What has changed for the better?**

What have you witnessed, either yourself, or in the news or on social media, where communities are being pulled apart?
What do you think the causes, and consequences, of this are?

What kind of community do we dream of?
What can we do to bring greater community cohesion, participation and resilience going forward?

Listening to the Spirit

Before we spring into action, it is helpful to take time to listen to the Holy Spirit and where He is drawing us. First, we must take a look at ourselves: Do we live with love and care for one another, for the stranger, the poor? Do we welcome others as Jesus did? Even those on the margins, those rejected by society? Do we make choices for the benefit of ourselves, or for our community and the common good? Are we putting our talents to good use?

How might we become beacons of hope in our own community?

Prayer:

