his/her life to the Holy Spirit and lived out his/her life in the hope of everlasting life. Our faith assures us that death is not the end of life and so we implore you to restore the life of your servant again in eternity.

O Holy Spirit! Comforter and Great Sanctifier; may your love cleanse (name)............ .....from every stain of sin and bring him/her to the glory of the resurrection. May his/her soul enjoy the eternal beatitude prepared for all the saints who lived and died in you. O divine Spirit may your servant enjoy eternal happiness with you in the unity of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Spirit, Sanctify him/her.
Lord of Life, Grant him/her eternal rest.
not be unto Thee" (Matt. XVI, 22). For us, too, life is empty if there be not ever at our side a Friend Who is also God, Someone Who knows the frailty of human flesh and supports it in its struggle with the powers of darkness.

Our Lord no longer walks the face of the earth in Person. He is in the Blessed Eucharist, where we may receive Him and visit Him; but we may no longer touch Him nor hear the sound of His voice. Our Lord knew that we should miss Him; He knew that the apostles would feel the pain of separation from Him. And hence He promised to send to them and to us a Comforter and Friend Who would be present at every moment and in every trial. "And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Paraclete (ie, Comforter), that He may abide with you for ever" (Jn. XIV, 16).

The Comforter, whom the Saviour has sent down, is the Holy Spirit, poured out on the apostles at the first Pentecost, and given to us from the moment the waters of Baptism flowed on our heads. Our Lord has sent Him that He may do for us all that the visible presence of Our Lord on earth did for them that lived with Him. "...He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you" (John XIV, 26).

We must not think, however, that devotion to the Holy Spirit will lessen in any way the love and affection that are due to Our Lord. For the Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of Jesus" (Acts XVI, 7). When we say that Our Lord has departed from our midst, and that He had sent His Spirit to guide and enlighten us, what we mean is that Our Lord absent from us in His human nature, is present to us by His Divinity and by that divine guidance and enlightenment which tradition appropriates to the Holy Spirit. Our Lord as Man is no longer visibly present among us. Outside the Blessed Eucharist the Incarnate Word is present to us only by His Divinity and by His Power. But this power is not a blind force. It is not something with which we can have no relations of intimacy. It is a Divine
Person. It is the Holy Spirit, Who is Love. Though Our Lord, then, as Man be absent from us, as God He acts in us by His Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that Our Lord lives in and moves every member of that Mystical Body which is the Church. Just as Our Lord as Man was so full of the Holy Spirit as to have lived by Him, so also we are like unto Our Saviour and are members of His Body only if there lives in us the Holy Spirit, Who is His Spirit.

The importance of devotion to the Holy Spirit is then evident. Devotion to the Holy Spirit is devotion to Our Lord living and working in the Church, His Body, through His Spirit. Unless the soul knows the action of the Holy Spirit in the Church the soul remains ignorant of what Our Lord means to mankind in these our days; for it is He Himself Who works through the Holy Spirit. Devotion to the Holy Spirit is devotion to the Mystical Body of which the Holy Spirit is the Soul. It is devotion to Christ, Head of that Mystical Body, which the Holy Spirit animates. It is devotion to the love Our Lord bears us at every moment of life; for the Holy Spirit is Love. This is why the Popes have so often insisted on the importance of this devotion.

“Nothing is dearer to our heart than to see, especially in our days, the faithful striving daily, with ever-increasing care, to know, love, and invoke the Holy Spirit” (Pius XI).

This little booklet is intended to foster devotion to the Holy Spirit. In publishing it we know that we are obeying the wishes of Our Lord Himself and of His Vicars on earth; in studying it you, in your turn, will comply with the same wishes.

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