

Day Seven
Ursuline Jubilee Novena
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Angela and the Holy Spirit

Opening Hymn

Introduction : **Holy Spirit -:** Jesus was conceived by the Spirit , led by the Spirit, filled with the power of the Spirit.
Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus promised his disciples he would give them the same Spirit. Spirit of Truth; Advocate; Comforter; **Gift**, bringing gifts; living with us, living in us, forever!
Angela counsels us, “Let us pray with all our might for that great gift promised by Jesus...”(Rule 4,15-16) She had a special relationship with the Holy Spirit; trusting in his presence, counseling, inspiring, teaching. She trusted (expected) that her daughters would also hear and follow the Spirit’s directives.

Readings : “See to everything as the Holy Spirit inspires you. (7th Legacy) Decide among yourselves in the way that Charity and the Holy Spirit will enlighten and inspire you”. (9th legacy)

“Above all, obey the counsels and inspirations which the Holy Spirit unceasingly sends into our hearts....for the Holy Spirit is the one who...teaches us all truth. (Rule 9)

“They should go to their room, and there, shut in, pray as and as long as the Spirit and their conscience dictate. (Rule 6)

Reflection : What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do I expect the Spirit to speak to me? Do I listen? Do I ask the Spirit for guidance, counsel everyday, not only in times of difficulty or when I have to make hard decisions or choices? How about **discernment** and **inspiration**? What do I understand by those two words? What **role** does the Spirit have in my daily life in regard to my choices, decisions, examination of conscience, knowing myself, improving myself?

Closing Prayer:

Holy Spirit, enlighten me, strengthen me, enrich me with a loving relationship with the Blessed Trinity. Inspire me to carry out the duties entrusted to me with fidelity and love. Teach me how I can be more attentive to your inspirations, that you unceasingly send into my heart. Amen.

Closing Hymn: