

# Letter from Don Marco Bove

## THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



When we talk about the birth of our Faith and Light communities, we usually say that no one had foreseen it; it was actually the Holy Spirit who inspired its beginning, at the end of the great pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter 1971.

These days we are living a new Pentecost, remembering the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and Mary, gathered together in Jerusalem, at the beginning of the Church's history.

Every new beginning, when inspired from above, gets the strength to walk in history, provided that it remains faithful to the initial inspiration and listens to the Holy Spirit's constant promptings.

When we celebrated our Jubilee (the first fifty years of Faith and Light) a few years ago, we recognized that the Holy Spirit has never ceased to accompany our journey and that of our communities.

That is why we have tried to respond to His inspirations, asking for the light and courage to remain faithful to our vocation in Faith and Light.

Today we want to express our joy for the gift of our communities and invoke once again the Holy Spirit, so that He may guide and direct our journey, according to God's will and so that we may be witnesses today to God's love for the smallest and the most fragile.

«Send us, Lord, your Holy Spirit, in order that He may enlighten our steps, grant us strength in moments of weariness and fill our hearts with His peace. Amen.»