



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised Be Jesus Christ! For the past several weeks, I have shared with you various thoughts, concerns and guidance regarding the upcoming General Election. All of which have been meant to remind and

renew us in the great beauty, goodness and importance of our Catholic Faith. That faith which so many great people have professed, that faith which is so much more than a Sunday exercise and which is now ours. A Way of Life, the Life of Jesus which we are privilege to live here in the United States! Now, with the Election, just 9 days away, my final word is PRAYER.

It's quite providential and a great gift that we find ourselves 9 Days away from the Election for nine days is the time of a Novena! What's more, this weekend 39 of our young people just received the Sacrament of Confirmation as we welcomed both Bishop McIntyre and the Holy Spirit into our midst. The Early Church experienced the first Confirmation at Pentecost as they waited 9 Days for the Holy Spirit to come down. Together the Apostles and Mary obedient to Jesus, gathered and prayed, waited and watched for the Promise of the Father. Having known Jesus, lived with Him and followed Him, they now waited for that Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

I suggest that we now in the next 9 days, we do the same. Having informed ourselves of the issues, consulted the Church and her teachings and formed our conscience, now is the time for us to gather and to pray. There are many and various types of novenas, but I suggest that in these days we invoke the Holy Spirit for our nation, for our people and for our land. The Novena begins tomorrow and here is a simple prayer. Pray it each day, perhaps join us for daily Mass, fast or abstain if you so choose. But most of all pray, hope and do not worry. Having done our part, we now trust in our God who will do His part.

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died is slated for Saturday, Nov. 7 at 9AM. Our Book of Remembrance will be displayed near St. Joseph. And next week, I will speak at all the Masses regarding our 2019-20 Fiscal Year.

Continued prayers for all of you and gratitude for your goodness.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

A Novena in Honor of the Holy Spirit for our General Election. Recite daily from Monday, Oct. 26 and finish on Election Day, Nov. 3.

Novena in Honor of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to you my understanding, my heart, my will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my understanding, like that of Our Lady's, always be submissive to your heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible Guide. Fill our country with your peace, guide the events surrounding the upcoming election and bless in advance those who will be elected. Keep my heart ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor. And help me to advance more fully in the Way of Your Kingdom. AMEN.