



This same promise Jesus made to the disciples applies to us today. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God continues to dwell among His people, guiding, strengthening, and comforting us in every generation.

Those who are blessed with loving and supportive families experience how important it is to belong. A caring family helps a person grow in confidence, develop a sense of identity, and face life's challenges with courage. Unfortunately, not everyone experiences this kind of support. Some elderly persons live alone, some are homebound because of illness, and others feel forgotten and invisible even while living among many people.

Here, our Christian faith calls us to practice accompaniment. In our BECs and neighbourhoods, we are invited to notice those who may be lonely or isolated. A simple visit to an elderly neighbour, bringing a copy of the parish bulletin or the Herald to a homebound, offering a listening ear, or helping with daily needs can become powerful signs of God's love. In these small acts of care and attention, the **Holy Spirit works through us to remind others that they are not forgotten or alone.**

The Holy Spirit is a real person who loves and cares for us. He strengthens us in times of trial and encourages us when we feel weak, just as He strengthened the apostles in their mission. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus continues to be present in every generation and in every personal situation.

Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfilment in God's glorious family, which begins here on earth in the community of believers and will be perfected one day in Heaven. ✦

# NEWBEC

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WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

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MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY: Accompaniment



Jesus promises that those who love Him and keep His commandments will experience His presence and the presence of the Father. Jesus reassures his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans." Though he will no longer be physically present with them, they will not be left alone to struggle with their faith. The Father will send the Holy Spirit to remain with them and guide them.

## SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalms 65: 1-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

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"Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children of God."

- St Basil the Great