## Who is the Holy Spirit?



### Indonesian proverb



### Jesus reveals the Holy Spirit

• John 14:15-17

### A traditional prayer of the Church

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

#### The Holy Spirit is a person, the Spirit is God

Come, Holy Spirit

And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever,

# Our Advocates, Counsellors, Helpers, the Paracletes

- Comes from the Greek word: Paraclete (parakletos)
- Meaning: "called to be beside one" to accompany, to console, protect, defend.
- 1 John 2:1
  - "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"
- Holy Spirit is the another Paraclete, to be with us forever

### The Spirit comes to dwell in us

Fill the hearts of your faithful

even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

## The wind blows where it wills, you hear the sound of it, but you do know whence it comes or whither it goes



### Are we empty for God to fill?



### The Holy Spirit comes to fill us



### The Fire of Love

Enkindle in us the *fire of* your love

If you *love* me, you will keep my commandments.

### Fire, the symbol of the Spirit

• 696 Fire. While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.



• [...] a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches.

## Fire transforms, fire purifies



### God's vision for us: a burning bush

