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The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit lives in our community and moves through our work. We know this because we ask for this guidance each year at the Mass of the Holy Spirit as we continue our efforts in a new academic year to the greater glory of God.

With Advent, we begin our liturgical year and are reminded of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how we began our academic year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit in September.

We often hear of how the Holy Spirit moves in our hearts and our work, but sometimes, in an effort to impart understanding, we depend on language that makes little sense in the modern, secular and business related context many of us find ourselves in. We must understand what the Spirit is to see it in our lives. So, what does the Holy Spirit look like in our community, how do we know it is at work?

The Holy Spirit, as with the other two persons of the Holy Trinity, is love. It is correctly ordered relationships placing an emphasis on our commitment to our fellow man, God's greatest creation. It is bringing oneself close to God by showing that love to ourselves and to one another through our interactions on a professional level and a personal level. It is presupposing the good in the other and building a community in which each member is valued and safe. The Holy Spirit calls us to this love and to this work, our job to is to open our hearts and listen to that call, follow that direction and find that love at work among us.