

## Getting Ready for Chapter 13

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## Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

In this chapter the children will read about Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. They will learn that the Holy Spirit is the gift of God's love. They will discover that the Holy Spirit helps us remember Jesus' teachings. Together they will praise God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### ACTIVITY

**A Welcome Sign** Showing a spirit of hospitality is one way to share love with others. Invite a family from your parish or neighborhood to your home for dinner or dessert. In preparation, discuss with your child the importance of hospitality, and together make a welcome sign for the family you invite.

### WEEKLY PLANNER

#### On Sunday

One image of the Holy Spirit is the dove. Look for images of the Holy Spirit while you are at church.

#### On the Web

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Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

#### Saint of The Week



**Saint Dominic Savio**  
(1842–1857)

Dominic Savio was born in Italy. At the time of his First Holy Communion, he considered Jesus and Mary to be his best friends. Dominic liked to pray and study, and was viewed as a peacemaker at his school. He became ill and died before his fifteenth birthday.

**Patron Saint of:** young boys  
**Feast Day:** March 9



**A Prayer for the Week**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your gifts of love and peace. Help us follow the example of Saint Dominic Savio by being a sign of peace to everyone we meet. Amen.

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### Scripture Background

#### In the Time of Jesus

**The Advocate** In the Gospel of John 14:15–31, during the Last Supper discourses, Jesus makes a promise to his disciples. He says that after his departure, he will send another Advocate—himself being the first—to remain with them. Jesus specifies the conditions for receiving the Advocate as their love for him and the keeping of his commandments. This Advocate is clearly the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of Truth,” who after Jesus’ death and Resurrection will continue his work by helping the disciples understand the meaning of Jesus’ teachings and deeds.

## OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Symbols

**The Dove** The image of the dove representing the Holy Spirit goes back to the origins of the Church, and the image of the dove in Scripture goes back to the story of Noah. As a sign of the union of the Holy Spirit and Jesus, receptacles for the Eucharist were made in the shapes of doves, and hung in churches since the early Middle Ages. The Eucharist that was to be taken to the sick was in a container suspended by chains. The container was shaped like a dove and made of a precious metal, usually gold or silver. Later the dove was made of different materials, including gilded leather. The dove became the outer vessel holding the smaller container, or pyx, with the Blessed Sacrament inside.