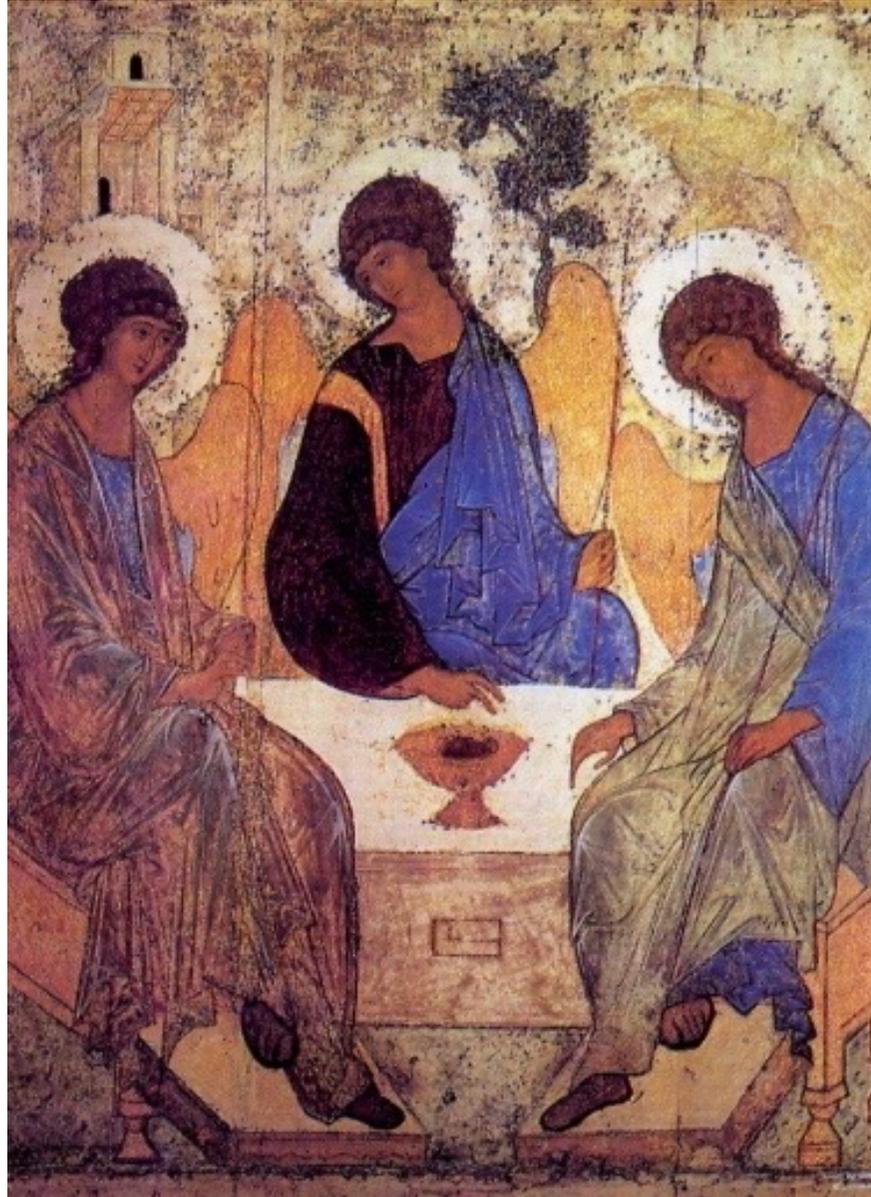


# 07. The Holy Spirit



JPII Mission of the Redeemer n. 21

‘Through the action of the Holy Spirit  
the Good News takes shape in human minds and hearts  
and extends through history.  
In all of this it is the Holy Spirit who gives life.’

## Joy of the Gospel n. 266'

'A true missionary, who never ceases to be a disciple, knows that Jesus walks with him, speaks to him, breathes with him, works with him. He senses Jesus alive with him in the midst of the missionary enterprise. Unless we see him present at the heart of our missionary commitment, our enthusiasm soon wanes and we are no longer sure of what it is that we are handing on; we lack vigour and passion. A person who is not convinced, enthusiastic, certain and in love, will convince nobody.'

‘In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the **Spirit** of God swept over the face of the waters’(Genesis 1:1-2).

‘Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath [**spirit**] of life; and the man became a living being’(Genesis 2:7).

‘They look to you to give them their food in due season ...  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your **spirit**, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground’(Psalm 104:27-30).

‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh to these bones:  
I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.  
I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come  
upon you, and cover you with skin,  
and put **breath** in you, and you shall live;  
and you shall know that I am Yahweh.  
Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath,  
and say to the **breath**: Thus says the Lord Yahweh:  
Come from the four winds, O breath,  
and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”  
I prophesied as he commanded me,  
and the breath came into them, and they lived,  
and stood on their feet, a vast multitude’ (Ezekiel 37:5-10).

Ezekiel 11:19-20

‘I will give them one heart,  
and put a new spirit within them;  
I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh  
and give them a heart of flesh ...  
Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.’

Jules Chevalier, 'The Heart of Jesus, page 76.

'The heart of God descends in haste to his creation,  
with the weight of an infinite love,  
and the heart of creation rises towards God,  
drawn by an attraction that dominates all others in it.

It is in Jesus that these two hearts meet,  
and they unite so profoundly  
that the two hearts become one.'



‘The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, Mary, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God’(Luke 1:35).

‘**The Spirit** descending on Jesus like a dove’(Mark 1:10).



‘Jesus, filled with the power of the **Spirit**, returned to Galilee’ (Luke 4:14).

Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19

‘The **Spirit** of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

‘The water that I will give will become in you a spring of water gushing up to eternal life’(John 4:14).

John 7:37-39

Jesus exclaimed: ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water”.’ Now he said this about the **Spirit**, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Transcendent ('holy') God

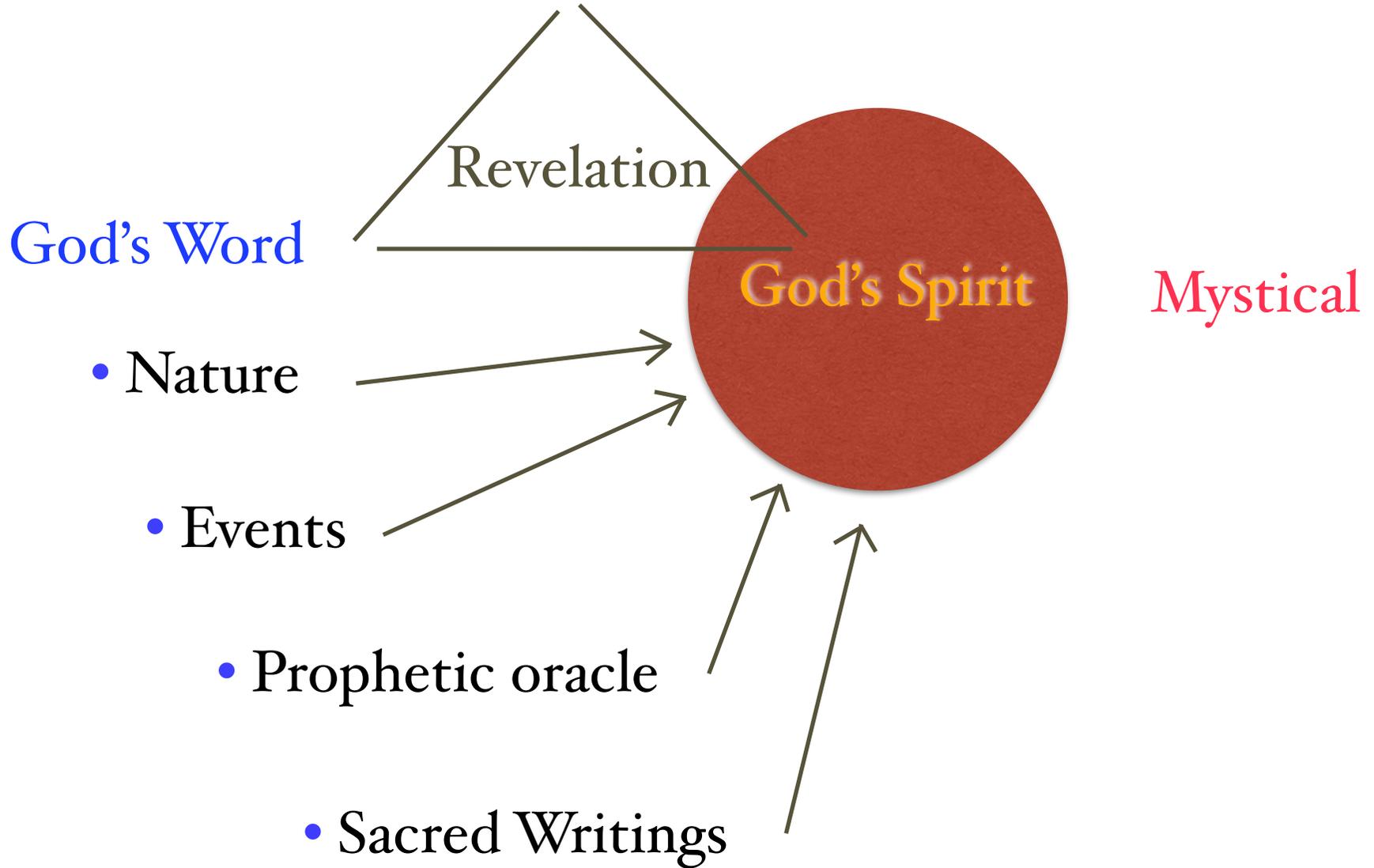
Revelation

God's Word

God's Spirit

Mystical

- Nature
- Events
- Prophetic oracle
- Sacred Writings





‘Whoever has seen me has seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me’(John 14:9-10).

‘I will ask the Father and he will give you the **Spirit** to be with you forever’ (John 14:16).

‘I am coming to you’(John 14:18).

‘My Father will love you and we will come to you and make our home with you’(John 14:23).

‘The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you’(John 14:26).



‘Jesus said: “It is finished”.  
Then he bowed his head and  
gave up his **Spirit** ... One of  
the soldiers pierced his side  
with a spear, and at once  
blood and water came out ...  
As Scripture says: “They will  
look on the one whom they  
have pierced.”’ (John 19:30, 34, 37).

‘I came to bring fire to the  
earth, and how I wish it were  
already kindled!’ (Luke 12:49).

‘Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other languages, as the **Spirit** gave them ability’(Acts 2:2-4).

‘God has sent the **Spirit of his Son** into our hearts, crying “Abba!”(Father)’(Galatians 4:6).

‘The **Spirit of God** dwells in you’(Romans 8:9).

Pope Benedict XVI *God is Love* n.19

‘The Spirit is the energy that transforms the heart of the ecclesial community, so that it becomes a witness before the world to the love of the Father, who wishes to make humanity a single family in his Son. The entire activity of the Church is an expression of a love that seeks the integral good of man.’

‘The person who is united to the Lord becomes one **Spirit** with the Lord’(1Corinthians 6:17).

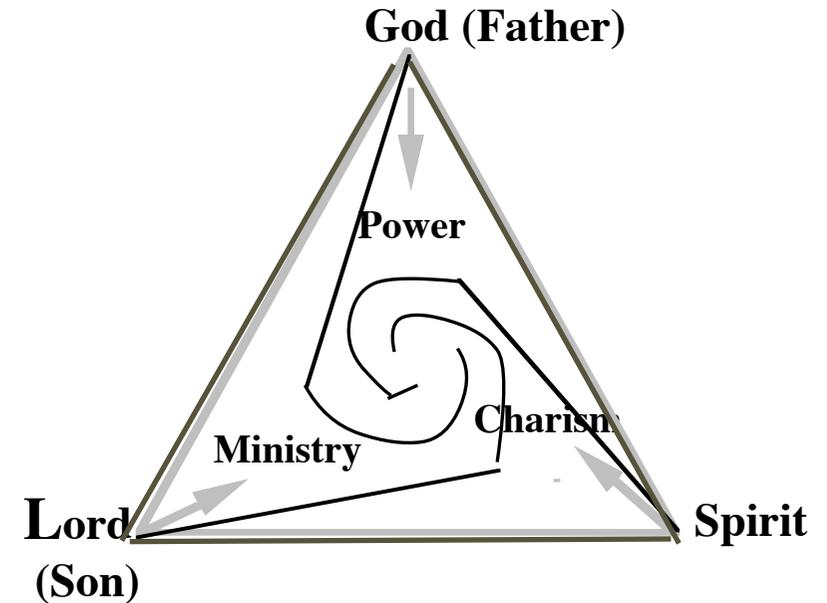
‘God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the **Holy Spirit** who has been given to us’(Romans 5:5).

‘The fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control’(Galatians 5:22-23).

# Various priestly ministries of the faithful

Christians participate in the priestly mediation of Christ in various ways.

1Corinthians 12:4-7



‘There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of ministries, but the same Lord; there are varieties of ways of exercising power, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.’

‘It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us **God’s Spirit** in our hearts as a first installment’(2Corinthians 1:21-22).

‘The Lord is the **Spirit**,  
and where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is freedom.  
And all of us, with unveiled faces,  
seeing the glory of the Lord  
as though reflected in a mirror,  
are being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another;  
for this comes from **the Lord, the Spirit**’(2Corinthians 3:17-18).

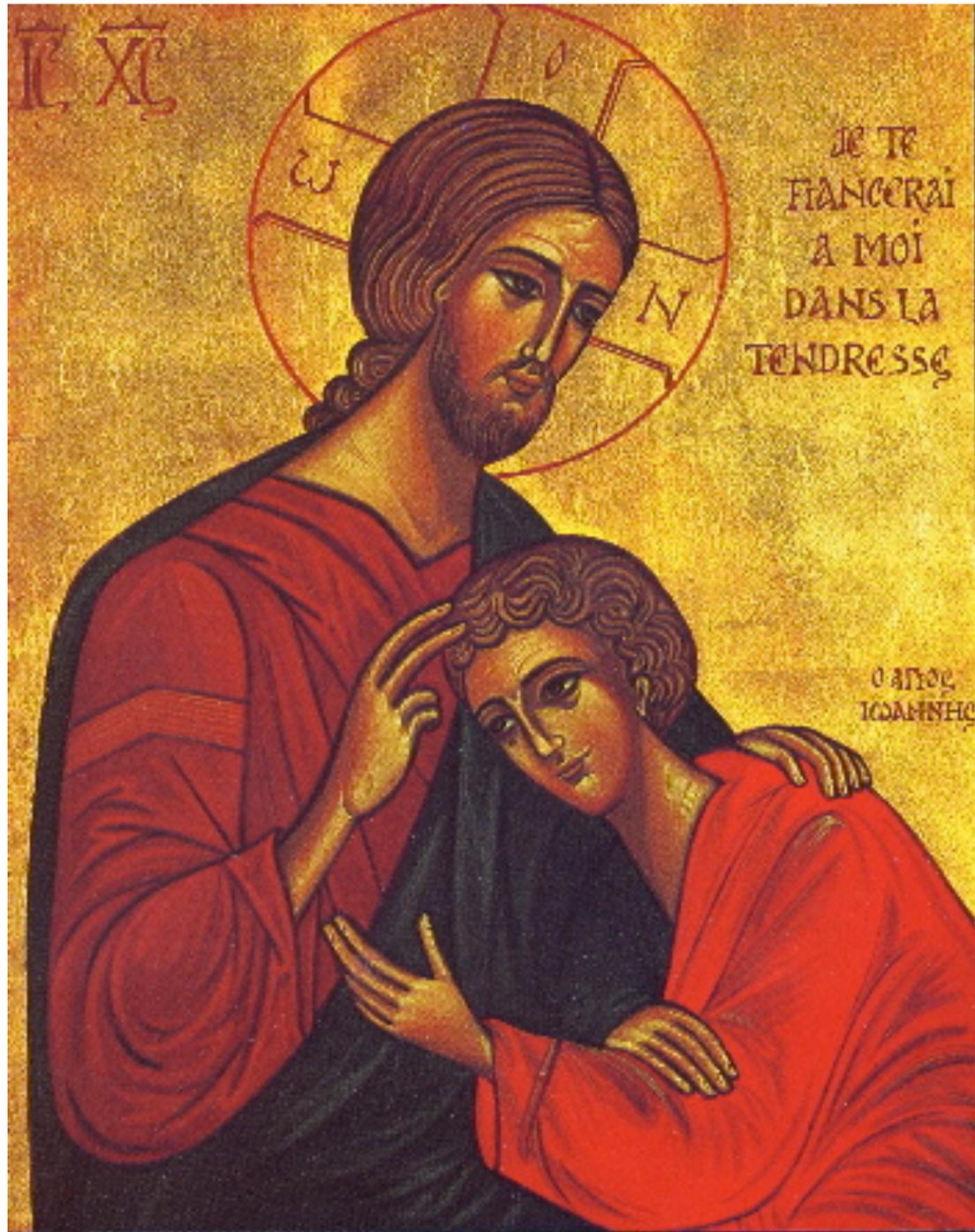
‘The **Spirit** helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but that very **Spirit** intercedes  
with sighs too deep for words.  
And God, who searches the heart,  
knows what is the mind of the **Spirit**,  
because the **Spirit** intercedes for the saints  
according to the will of God’(Romans 8:26-27).

‘I pray that the Father may grant that you be strengthened in your inner being with power through **the Holy Spirit**, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith as you are being rooted and grounded in love’(Ephesians 3:16-17).

1. O breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what You would love,  
and do what You would do.
2. O breathe on me Breath of God until my heart is pure,  
until with You I have one will to do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me Breath of God till I am wholly Yours,  
until this earthly part of me glows with Your fiery cause.
4. O breathe on me Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.

Augustine, Tract on John 18.10.1

‘Return to the heart! Why are you running away from yourself? Why are you getting lost, outside yourself, entering on deserted ways? You are wandering aimlessly. Come back! To where? To the Lord! It can be done quickly! Return immediately to your heart! Exiled from your own self you wander outside. You fail to know yourself, you who want to know the source of your existence. Come back! Return to the heart ... See there what you can learn about God, for the image of God is there. In your heart dwells Christ. In your heart you are being renewed after God’s image.’



1. O living flame of love

that tenderly wounds my soul in its deepest centre.

Since you are not oppressive now,

finish your work if it be your will;

tear the veil of this sweet encounter.

2. O sweet cautery!

O delightful wound! O gentle hand! O delicate touch!

that tastes of eternal life, and pays every debt!

In killing you have changed death to life.

3. O lamps of fire!

in whose splendours the deep caverns of feeling,  
once obscure and blind, now, so strangely exquisite,  
give forth warmth and light to their Beloved.

4. How gently and lovingly

you stir in my breast where in secret you dwell alone;  
and in your sweet breathing filled with good and glory  
how delicately you swell my heart with love!

O living flame of love, tenderly wound my soul  
to its deepest inner heart, without oppression.  
Come, consummate our love,  
tear through the veil of our union.  
If it be your will come and rend the veil of the temple.

Yet gently your hand does wound  
as you rend through the veil of my temple.  
Come, take this life that I give,  
So that I might come to live in this our dying.

O lamps of fire in deep caverns of feeling,  
Once obscured and blind  
Are now leading in the warmth  
and the passion of Your love.



## Hymn to the Holy Spirit