

My Beloved in Christ,

Oftentimes when we go to bed at night or get up in the morning we are checking our schedules in order to understand what our next day will hold in store for us.

We check our appointments; we look at the holiday schedule; we consider where we will go for our next meeting; we ask our spouse or our children if they have anything planned; and sometimes we even figure out what we will do for lunch before we leave our house.

When we consider how we live our lives, I think it is fair to say that we usually find ourselves living according to how we were brought up as well as according to how our own personal life experiences have changed us. We receive something from our homes and something from the world in which we live.

Unfortunately, too often we do not consider how our lives should be changed and perfected based on the message of the Gospel. We have scheduled so many things in our daily lives that we have forgotten to include the reality of the Church outside of our private homes.

And yet, it is that very reality of the gift of Pentecost that should challenge us to change our daily schedules.

Stop and consider for a moment that God made His message of Love, Truth, and Salvation a universal message on that day. On the Day of Pentecost the disunity of Babel was reversed: on Pentecost all peoples could hear the message of God's love for us in every language.

And those who were touched by God's grace knew that they had a unique mission: go and tell the story!

My beloved, we too have been touched by the reality of Pentecost. Each of us has knelt down and prayed that God's grace come upon us and inspire us to do His will. And so the Apostolic Call is given to each one of us who confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

So when we go to bed at night or get up in the morning, we are also called to include the reality of God's message in our daily schedule. Yes, it means that some of us will plan our prayer for the day; others will know their lunch will require a change in menu; others will know that there is something good they will do for a neighbor or their office friend; and still others will share an invitation to their local parish with their friend.

Yes, my beloved, we are all called to respond to the call of God's Holy Spirit. We are all called to speak the Word of Truth – in word ... and even more importantly in action! Pentecost is here upon us! What will we say and what will we do?

To God be the glory. Amen!

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