Hymn to the Holy Spirit
(Montfort, H 141, 1-3. 11)

1. Come, Father of Lights,
Come, God of Love,
Fashion in us our prayers.
Show us the truth,
Send into our souls
An ember of your fire
To penetrate it with flame
And fill it with God.

2. Come, Holy Spirit, you create
Martyrs, confessors,
Apostles, prophets,
Great heroes, valiant hearts.
You are the only guide
My Saviour has followed;
So that I may imitate Him,
Lead me as you led Him.

3. You who work miracles
Through powerless mortals,
You who utter oracles
Through poor ignorant humans,
By the power of your grace
Strengthen my languor;
To melt my coldness
Speak to the depths of my heart.

11. Give me your wisdom,
This taste for truth,
This charity which impels
Without forcing the will,
This grace so fruitful,
This lure so ravishing,
This peace profound and blessed,
This aid all-powerful.

Prayers for the Preparation of the Continental Meetings
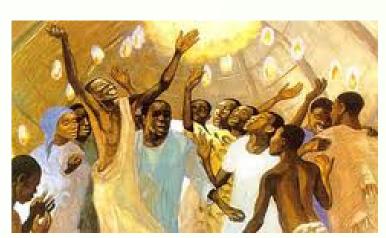
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Praise to you, Divine Spirit,
Breath of life and harmony.
From the primal chaos, you brought forth this
beautiful world.
And from formless earth, you created humanity,
living image of God.
We pray to you:
come into us now.

You who are the Comforter,
be our assurance as we face
chaos,
both within and outside of us.

You who are Burning Fire,
ardent desire,
help us to keep going
when weariness or fear
block our way.

You who are the Spouse of Mary,
through Her faith and love,
bring forth in us the Eternal Word,
the Beloved Son.

Spirit of Pentecost,
give us the daring
to 'leave our 'Upper rooms'
to bring to the world
the light of Christ,

to fill it with his peace.

Spirit of faithfulness and of renewal,
look upon our humble congregation.
Keep it faithful to the spirit of Montfort,
daring to follow your inspiration
to be brought to where you want it to be.

As we prepare for our continental meetings,
open our hearts to each other.
Fill us with the faith of Mary.
We will then be those apostles
that Montfort dreamed of
and which to-day our Church needs.
Amen