

The Holy Spirit

“He will lead you to the complete truth”

The presence of the Holy Spirit is the presence of participation.

This understanding of the third person of the Holy trinity is perhaps best experienced by active participation in the loving plan of salvation.

However it is in humility that you are called not to achieve but to participate

You are called not to victory but to involvement

You are called not to justification but to identification

So the wonderful example of the apostles. St Paul, St Peter, both executed in the Roman Empires fascist attempt at crushing the word of God. We look back with the romantic notions of retrospect. But at the time of their deaths they will have appeared to have achieved nothing but defiance and martyrdom.

I am certain that someone at the time will have asked them what the point was.

Then at the time the Holy Spirit will have been calling them

Not to achieve but to participate

Not to victory but to involvement

Not to justification but to identification

The example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta faced with the hopeless sight of the desperate dying on the streets of the City. Called there by the dynamic presence of the Holy Spirit to do something, anything. Thus this woman took those who had no-one and did her best to provide care and dignity as they approached death. To do something beautiful for God.

I am certain that someone at the time will have asked her what the point was.

Then at the time the Holy Spirit will have been calling her

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Then there is the example of a wonderful woman who visited my priesthood not long after I had been ordained. Rita had cerebral palsy and had lived already long after the years predicted by the doctors who attended her birth. This woman had a weakened body but a powerful spirit. Within the limitations imposed by her condition she struggled and fought for her dignity and rights. What is more in my opinion she died a saint.

I am certain that someone at the time of her life will have asked what the point was.

But throughout her life the Holy Spirit will have been calling her

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You may seek to understand the nature of The Holy Spirit of God

You may wish to see the presence of Gods Holy Spirit

That dynamic presence

is to be found in participation

This dynamic nature of God calls you

Not simply to observe

Not simply to obey

Not simply to be subject to laws and regulations of tradition

God's Holy Spirit calls you to participate in life

To live the life you have been given to the best of your abilities

Then in the midst of that activity

you will find

The sacred nature of Gods Holy Presence.