

## The Winds of the Holy Spirit

As you receive this article, we have celebrated The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Imagine for a moment what the Apostles thought as they watched Jesus ascend to his Heavenly Father. What did they do? They returned to Jerusalem and waited for the Holy Spirit to come upon them. They knew they were Chosen to Bear Fruit (Jn 15:16) It began thousands of miles away from us, but continues today. As members, God is asking us to shape the world.

The day we heard about our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the Holy Spirit was moved in all of us! The air was electric! To my sisters on the LDCCW board, I could not respond to the texts fast enough. Pope Leo did not respond to his brother Cardinals, "Do you know how busy I am?" or did he say, "I'll be better prepared in a year." In his humbleness, he replied, "Yes!"

Recently, I was blessed to attend the first Mass for Fr. Isaac Wahlmeier. The love of the Holy Spirit was on Fr. Wahlmeier's face as he gave his pledge to serve the Church. I can hope that we, women of the diocese, express that same love when we are asked to serve.

The Disciples, prayed to receive the Holy Spirit and on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came with tongues of fire. I heard an analogy that the winds of the Holy Spirit are similar to the winds that guide a ship. We can work to force the ship to go where we think it should go. Now imagine again, if we relaxed and prayed for the guidance of where the winds would take us. *"so that whatever you ask in my name he may give you."* This summer pay attention to the breezes and listen to where the Holy Spirit is calling you. If you are a leader on a board, how would you best guide your ship. Are you going to firmly say, this is how it has always been done or are you going to pray for guidance of where the winds are taking you?

As sisters in the LDCCW, where ever you serve, whether it is in your local PCCW, DCCW, LDCCW or even if you belong to Catholic Daughters we are born for this purpose, to serve and to pray. Always say yes! God will not abandon you.

There will be a Leadership Training for members on June 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a face-to-face meeting, unless I can figure out a zoom link at the church. I am encouraging you to attend! Those who are in the Juniata area please email me at [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com) and let me know. I always enjoy a riding buddy.

Your humble servant

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