

The Flame



News & Events from the Cenacle Sisters NAP (3800 W. Peterson Ave. Chicago, IL 60659)

SUMMER 2023

*Lord our God,
you gathered together the disciples in the Cenacle
with Mary, the mother of Jesus,
and you filled them with your Holy Spirit.
Grant that we may persevere in prayer,
be filled with that same Spirit,
and so be enabled to bring the Good News to all...*



This prayer is one of two options for the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the feast of Our Lady of the Cenacle, which occurs on the Saturday after the Ascension of the Lord. Many of you have celebrated this joyous occasion with Cenacle Sisters in the past, and some of you joined in this year's festivities either here in Chicago or in other locations. All across the world, the entire Cenacle Family was united in joyful prayer and thanksgiving to God on this patronal feast of the Congregation.

But even though the celebration of that feast day has ended for this year, an invitation is ongoing. Do you notice the wording of the above prayer? The first part mentions an event that took place in the past: that of Mary and the disciples – the women and men of the early Church – waiting together and then being filled with the Holy Spirit. The second part (“Grant that we...”) is a plea to God that we might continually pray for and then be filled with the very same Holy Spirit which will then enable each of us – you, me and everyone else – to bring the Good News of the Gospel to the world!

On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will come to you.” (John 14:15-18)

Jesus promises you that very same presence – today and every day – and his presence within you enables you to be his presence to all whom you meet. You do this in many ways, including through your connection to the Cenacle. Every Cenacle Prayer Card that you send is a sign to another person of Jesus's love and care for them in times of sorrow and of joy. Every request that you make of Cenacle Sisters to pray for someone is an assurance to that individual that Jesus will never abandon her/him in pain and suffering. Every donation that you make to the Cenacle Sisters means that you, too, participate in the mission of awakening and deepening faith. Every spiritual program that you participate in – or recommend to another person – is your response to Jesus's desire that you come to know him more deeply and that you grow in greater faith, hope and love.

However, asking God for the presence of the Holy Spirit is not a once-a-year deal. I pray this prayer each morning, and I invite you to do this, too. In this way, we place ourselves with Our Lady and the disciples, as well as with the world-wide Cenacle Family, which makes for good company!

Sr. Mary Guido, rc
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Special Occasions
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Seasonal Offerings
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New Online RETREATS & PROGRAMS

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Tues. June 6 at 9:30am - 11am Central

Joan McGovern, Facilitating

Explore how to recognize spiritual distractions along your journey and your capacity to allow God's grace to permeate your spirit. This is a 90 minute online offering.

YOUR DREAMS MATTER

Series begins Thurs. July 13 at 10am Central

Luciana Duce-Dugan, MFA, Facilitating

Please visit cenaclesisters.org/retreats-program for more information on these and many other programs including the "Prickly People Retreat," one of the best reviewed programs of Sr. Roselle Haas, rc.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Weekly Christian Meditation (via Zoom) is led by Cenacle Sister Anelie Arao, rc. If you are interested in joining this online evening group or want more info, please email us at ministry@cenaclesisters.org. Thank you!

CENTERING PRAYER

Cenacle Sister Mary Peters, rc, facilitates an online Centering Prayer for 50 minutes most Monday mornings (10:00 - 10:50 Central). The free-will offering summer session begins on July 31. For more information, email ministry@cenaclesisters.org

ICONS of CENACLE SPIRITUALITY

Sr. Susan Acaro, rc, has pre-recorded video reflections of St. John Francis Regis (Feast Day of June 16) and Ignatius of Loyola (Feast Day of July 31). You can access, register, and view these reflections anytime from our website. *Ad majorem dei gloriam.*

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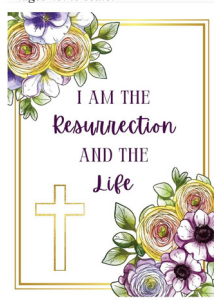
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The Cenacle Prayer Card Ministry

Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm Central, 1-866-219-1772

24/7 at cenaclesisters.com/prayercards

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"Spiritual Bouquet" Prayer Card
Sympathy & Remembrance Category

Multi-Color Greeting Card Style 4.5 x 6.25.

Mailed to recipient in A6 envelope.

\$10.00



"Tiger Lily & Butterfly" Prayer Card
Health & Healing / Thinking of You

Birthday / Congratulations Categories

Multi-Color Greeting Card Style

With Gold Foil Border 4.5 x 6.25

Mailed to recipient in A6 envelope.

\$15.00



Large Folder Cards

White or Blue Linen Covers

"Chalice & Yellow Roses"

For All Occasions & Categories

Front: Our Lady of the Cenacle in Gold Foil

Inside: Hand-mounted watercolor Certificate in Gold Foil, 8.75 x 11.25

Mailed to recipient in 9.5 x 12.6 booklet envelope.

\$38.00 — \$53.00

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Father's Day, are on our website!

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