Deacon Tony's May 14th Homily for the 6th SUNDAY IN EASTERTIME

In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see the **Deacon Philip** going to the region of **Samaria** to share his experience of Jesus in his heart. He exorcized many demons of unclean spirits and cured many paralyzed and cripple people. Philip brought much joy and peace to that area. There was so much good news, coming down to the Apostles in Jerusalem, that **Peter and John** were sent to pray over the new converts in order **to receive the Holy Spirit**. Very similar to when the Bishop comes to St Thomas More to pray over all the people for the Holy Spirit to enter into the hearts of the people at **Confirmation**.

Peter instructs the converts to always be ready to give an explanation for the **joy** and the **hope** in their lives. This is their witness story.

We all should have a witness story that explains the reason for our joy and hope. I don't know if anyone has asked for you to share your story, but we should be ready when it happens. We know that many converts are influenced by our stories of faith in Christ.

"SEE HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER" was shared by many new converts down through the ages.

We have a group of men called **Team 40 of Christ Renews His Parish** who are reviewing their faith history in preparation for Team 41.

Finally, in our Gospel, Jesus promises to send an Advocate, to be with us always. The Spirit of truth who this funny, funny world cannot accept.

It's a funny, funny world that we're living in my friend, a funny, funny world I'd say. That's why now more then ever, my fiend, we gotta take the time to pray. It's a funny, funny world that we're living in my friend, a funny, funny world it's true, but if you put the love of the Lord in your heart, there won't be nothing funny bout you!

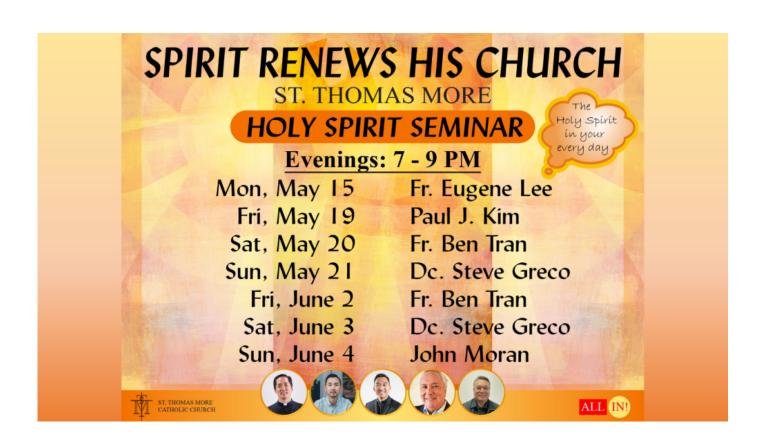
A long time ago lived a man named Noah, and things were bad back then. God spoke clear so that Noah could hear;

"You better build an ark my friend."

Well Noah began to build that ark, and the people all laughed at him. But when it rained for forty days and nights, they couldn't laugh, they had to swim.

How do we know that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth? **Come and see!**

We are about to begin our Life in the Spirit Seminar at St Thomas More tomorrow May 15th (MONDAY) 7-9 pm



COME AND SEE!