

# Society of St Pius X - District of Asia



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## **To All Priests and Faithful of the District of Asia**

### **Re: Novena to the Holy Ghost May 8-16**

Dear Fathers and Faithful,

I would like to make mine the recent letter of Fr. Rostand to the priests and faithful of the USA about making a Novena to the Holy Ghost next May 8-16, before the Feast of the Ascension. Here is Fr. Rostand's letter.

With my blessing during this month of May, the most beautiful.

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**Fr. Rostand  
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**May 1, 2012**

**Dear friends and faithful,**

A lot of rumors are being spread regarding the relations between the Roman authorities and the Society of Saint Pius X. On this regard, I wish to simply remind the communiqué from the General House of the Society of April 18, 2012: *“In a letter dated April 17, 2012, the Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X responded to the request for clarification that had been made to him on March 16 by Cardinal William Levada concerning the Doctrinal Preamble delivered on September 14, 2011. As the press release dated today from the Ecclesia Dei Commission indicates, the text of this response “will be examined by the dicastery (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) then submitted to the Holy Father for his judgment”.*

The matter is in the hands of the Holy Father and we are waiting for His decision.

Let us remember that it is to our Superior General, and only to him, that has been entrusted by the law of the Church and the will of Archbishop Lefebvre the delicate task of our relations with Rome. As such, he is the only competent authority to take prudent decisions for our Society. Because of his function and his 18 years of leadership in keeping the Faith and seeking the common good of the Church, we renew to him all our confidence, trust and respectful obedience in this difficult time. Our filial piety to him, as to the Sovereign Pontiff, pushes us to do more than usual in these unusual circumstances: we desire to bring to them the support of all your prayers.

To pray is indeed the most important, and as a matter of fact, the only thing we can do now. I would like to ask you to double your efforts in the Rosary Crusade, which will end on Pentecost Sunday (May 27, 2012), keeping in mind the striking results of the previous ones. I wish also to solicit your generosity in offering a novena to the Holy Ghost.

The intention of this novena will be that the Holy Ghost may give the graces of light and strength to the Holy Father, Benedict XVI, and to the General Superior of the Society, Bishop Fellay.

The novena consists of praying the “Veni Creator Spiritus” and adding the “Memorare” (Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary) starting on May 8 and ending on May 16, the vigil of the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

I authorize the priests to add these prayers just before or after their daily Mass.

Let us pray that the Good Lord may keep us all united in the Faith and in a corps spirit around our Superior, working for the Restoration of all things in Christ as ever.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Arnaud Rostand

**VENI**, Creator Spiritus,  
mentes tuorum visita,  
imple superna gratia  
quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
altissimi donum Dei,  
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,  
et spiritalis unctio.

Tu, septiformis munere,  
digitus paternae dexterae,  
Tu rite promissum Patris,  
sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus:  
infunde amorem cordibus:  
infirma nostri corporis  
virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius,  
pacemque dones protinus:  
ductore sic te praevio  
vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,  
noscamus atque Filium;  
Teque utriusque Spiritum  
credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria,  
et Filio, qui a mortuis  
surrexit, ac Paraclito,  
in saeculorum saecula.  
Amen.

**V.** Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur:  
**R.** Et renovabis faciem terrae.

**Oremus:** Deus qui corda fidelium Sancti  
Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in  
eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de eius semper  
consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum  
nostrum.  
**R.** Amen.

**MEMORARE**, O piissima Virgo Maria, non  
esse auditum a saeculo, quemquam ad tua  
currentem praesidia, tua implorantem auxilia,  
tua petentem suffragia, esse derelictum.

Ego tali animatus confidentia, ad te, Virgo  
Virginum, Mater, curro, ad te venio, coram te  
gemens peccator assisto.

Noli, Mater Verbi, verba mea despiciere; sed  
audi propitia et exaudi. Amen.

**COME**, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,  
O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts overflow with love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.  
Amen.

**V.** Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be  
created.  
**R.** And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

**Let us Pray:** O God, Who hast taught the hearts  
of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost:  
grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may  
be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His  
consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that  
never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy  
protection, implored Thy help and sought Thy  
intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O  
Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to Thee do I  
come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not  
my petitions, but in Thy mercy, hear and answer  
me. Amen.