



# THE FONT

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FOSTERING CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

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## THE CALL TO SERVICE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am grateful that our Rule links our sacramental theology to our daily life in the world. In the commentary on this part of the Rule, we read: "By virtue of our baptism, God calls each of us to ministries which are a proclamation of Christ, seeking wholeness in Creation." No one should accuse the Order



Br. Abbot  
Daniel Benedict

of thinking small, though in practice and conversation we sometimes slip into the arcane and self-serving! Though Christ's vision in us is cosmic in scope the Order's continuing life requires some of us to heed the call to service for some loving task within the Order. As abbot I have responsibility from time to time to appoint a sister or brother to such a task and many of you accept such calls in "openness and love" for the sake of the Order.

It was my pleasure to make such an appointment last month. I appointed **Sr. Cynthia Astle, OSL**, to serve as Editor of The Font. Sr. Cynthia begins her duties with this issue of the newsletter. She succeeds Prior General Sr. Sue Moore, who has served as The Font's superlative editor since 2004. Sr. Sue has graciously agreed to be available for counsel as Sr. Cynthia learns her new duties. As one of the Order's regular publications, The Font comes under the overall supervision of **Sr. Dianne Tobey-Covault**, Director of Periodicals, who introduces Sr. Cynthia in this issue. The Font will continue to publish on a bimonthly schedule and be distributed via email. Those who require a printed version may send their names and postal addresses to Sr. Cynthia.

Along with making appointments, it is also duty as abbot to receive requests for Sabbath time from members of the Order who have served as an appointed leader for a time. There are seasons in all of our lives and **Sr. Sue Moore** has served as editor of The Font for a decade! That is at least 60 on-time issues to keep all of us informed. That along with stepping up to act as interim Director of Publications and management of the day-to-day affairs of OSL Publications. And, she continues as one of the elected officers. She is in her second term as Prior General of the Order with, among other things, responsibility for caring for the details of the annual retreat and for interfacing with our retreat and council venues. I hope that you will give thanks to God for her work among us and that you will express directly to her your gratitude.

Now we begin Lent and the journey of conversion and reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. "During this season converts to the faith [are] prepared for Holy Baptism...persons who [have] committed serious sins and [have] separated themselves from the community of faith [are] reconciled .... In this way the whole congregation [is] reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith." (adapted from the Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline -Book of Common Prayer, UMBOW and other ecumenical sources) So the church invites us to observe a holy Lent.

God bless each of you, Sisters and Brothers, as you "discern ways in which we [you] are called to serve God in the Order, the Church, and the world" in baptismal living.

Grace and peace,

+Brother Abbot Daniel

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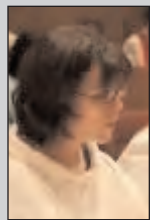
## IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

By Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson  
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Traditionally, Christian religious communities have kept necrologies of their members in order to remember each brother or sister on the date of his or her death. Such a commemoration displays the community's belief that Christ is victorious over death. Those we remember in March and April are:

March 11 **Br. Marsden Kitley** (2008) North Carolina  
 March 19 **Br. Thomas Frederick Tracewell** (2011) Alabama  
 March 20 **Br. Paul Rogers** (2003) California  
 March 30 **Br. Timothy J. Crouch** (2005) Ohio  
 April 6 **Br. Perry Parker** (2009) Tennessee  
 April 18 **Br. Richard Allen Lewis** (2005) Ohio  
 April 20 **Sr. Inga Freyer-Nicholas** (2010) Florida  
 April 28 **Br. James F. Bellamy** (2004) Pennsylvania

A request: If you or your chapter are aware of other deceased



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members of the Order, I'd be grateful if you could send me information (hjosselyn@hotmail.com) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

## ABBOT APPOINTS NEW FONT EDITOR

As your Director of Periodicals, I am delighted to announce the abbatial appointment of Sr. Cynthia B. Astle, OSL, (at left) as the new editor of our in-house newsletter, *The Font*, effective with this issue. Sr. Cynthia follows the able tenure of Sr. Sue Moore, who is also our Prior General.



Sr. Cynthia answered the call to service after our October retreat, finding that it fits well with her gifts and graces for ministry and her extroverted nature. As past Editor and Vice President of the *United Methodist Reporter*, past editor of *The Progressive Christian* magazine and current coordinator of an online forum, *United Methodist Insight*, as well as editor of several books, including our own *Book of Offices and Services* (the "red book" 2013), Cynthia brings a wealth

of experience to her new position. In addition to her editing work, Cynthia is also a Certified Spiritual Director and currently chairs Worship for her church. She and her husband John worship at St. Stephen UMC in Dallas, Texas, where they live with their beloved canine companion, Sheena the Wonder Dog. They have a grown son, Sean Damon, and a soon-to-be "daughter-in-love," Meegan Senecal, who reside in Denver, Colo. It has been my pleasure to see Sr. Cynthia's frequent Facebook postings about Sheena and to get to know her over several years of retreats.

I am very grateful to Sr. Cynthia for her decision to take on this new role in our Order, and hope you will join me in welcoming her and also thanking Sr. Sue for her past and present service.

Fear Not!

Sr. Dianne Tobey Covault, OSL  
Director of Periodicals

## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of *The Font* is a radical departure from the designs of the past. Like St. Peter confronted by the lame beggar, "money I have none," but what I have – decades of experience in publishing and a God-given talent for words – I rejoice to give freely to the Order, which has come to mean so much to me.

With this issue, I would greatly appreciate two responses from you, our OSL kindred.

**First, please bless and thank Sr. Sue Moore** for the 10 years she spent getting out *The Font* faithfully every two months while also serving as Prior General and wearing many other hats. This new design is in no way intended as a reflection on Sr. Sue's past efforts, which have been

herculean on behalf of the Order. If anything, the design is intended to challenge me to give my utmost to the Order in what I have most experience, which is publishing. Think of me as one of the ancient scribes who created illuminated manuscripts. This is what I feel called to do in God's service.

**Second, please email me at spirit60cba@gmail.com and tell me how you respond to this new design.** I am used to vigorous critique, just like the academic scholars among us, so you can't hurt my feelings if there's something you think should be changed. The goal here is to give our members the best possible newsletter. Thank you!

Sr. Cynthia Astle, OSL

## REPORT OF THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

By Br. David A Eichelberger, OSL

Grace and peace to you, my Brothers and Sisters, from God who has created, redeemed and sustained us all of our days:

What a privilege it has been to see how God has been answering prayers in our community. We are thankful for those who have been in prayer already for the following persons and situations and invite you all to join in your intercessions.



Br. David  
Eichelberger

### Joys in the Community

**Br. Frank Coats** has shared the joyous news that his little granddaughter **Zadie** has come through her heart surgery and is at home recuperating. He thanks everyone for supporting his family during this very stressful ordeal and for keeping Zadie in you prayers for a swift and complete recovery.

**Sr. Jeanette Marie Block**, our Chaplain General, has shared the news that she is making good progress with her recovery from surgery. She has already been participating in the life of the Greater New Jersey chapter.

**Br. Abbot Daniel Benedict** shared the good news that his wife, **Sr. Mary O.** has come through gallbladder surgery and is requesting prayers for her recovery from this surgery.

**Br. Chris Rodkey** recently returned from a pilgrimage to the Israel and Palestine. He rejoices that he has over 1200 pictures to share. He also was delighted to report that a collection of his sermons has been published under the title *Too Good to be True*.

**Br. Vernon Schmid** announced that his book, *The Radical Implications of the Eucharist* is now available via Amazon.

**Br. Anthony Goh** reported that his first book is being published and will also be available via Amazon. It is titled *Poetry Psalms and Prayers*.

**Sr. Kimberly Greway** has announced the completion of a curriculum which she co-authored. It is called "Principles of Steward: Living into our Calling."

**Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson** reported that she was blessed to experience Texas hospitality with **Br. Lewis Worthington** and family when she was stranded in Dallas during the recent polar vortex while on her way home from Florida.

We invite your prayers for those who are in the process of changing appointments and calls. May God direct the work of those who make those decisions. **Br. Kenton Van** shared that he will be appointed to First UMC in Leavenworth, KS at the start of July.

### Prayer Concerns

We invite your continuing prayers for these prayer concerns:

**Br. Sky McCracken** suffered a fall down icy stairs which resulted in a broken wrist and a sprained ankle. I believe it happened before the Olympics had begun, so there was no disqualification for not completing the stunt. We are not certain if that particular wrist will impede his work in helping the Bishop to assign pastors in his District. He also has shared the news that the Memphis Conference is in the midst of reorganization, pending Conference action which will consolidate the

numbers of districts in the conference.

**Sr. Dianne Tobey Covault** invited us all to be in prayer for the men and women who are going before Conference Boards of Ordained Ministry at this time of year in anticipation of being approved for commissioning or ordination in the UMC. We also lift up our prayers for those in other denominations as they discern their calling to ministry.

**Br. Matthias Tanner**, our Companion for Inquirers and New Members, has asked for assistance in connecting a new member of the Order who lives in Jefferson City, Tenn., with a local OSL member.

**Sr. Cynthia Astle** reports that recent treatment for a new bout of leakage in her left eye from age-related macular degeneration appears to have been effective. She asks prayers for her mother-in-law, **Evelyn Grebe**, who also suffers from the same disease and faces the possibility of total blindness if her forthcoming treatments aren't successful.

### Condolences

We lift our prayers on behalf of those whose loved ones have finished their time on earth and have gone to be with the Lord.

**Br. Chuck Wolfram** asked for prayers for his family on the death of his mother, **Mary**.

**Br. Brent Sturm** asked for prayers for **Br. Steve Peck** and **Sr. Carol Peck** as they mourn the death of Br. Steve's father.

**Br. Joe Phillips** has asked for continuing prayers for his wife June who has experienced several deaths in her family and among her friends.



## FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL



Br. George Crisp

As Lent begins, each chapter and association of the Order will be in my daily prayers on a rotating basis. If there is any news of your group – changes in leadership, new schedules or meeting places, and special activities that you are planning – please let me know. In the meantime, here is the news from the local chapters and associations, based on reports received at Retreat time last fall:

The entire **California-Pacific Chapter** meets approximately five times per year. Thirteen of the 26 members are also in the **Claremont Sub-Chapter**, which meets the first Monday evening of the month for evening prayer and/or other services. The breakfast meeting at Annual Conference concluded with Morning Prayer. The September meeting was on “Daily Prayer with the Church: The Daily Office,” (in preparation for our National Retreat) with study and discussion of chapter two of Abbot Daniel’s excellent *Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us*. We also spent time planning to host the National Retreat. Chapter officers are: **Br. Bob Davis, Prior; Br. Dwight Vogel, Claremont Sub-Chapter Prior; Br. George Crisp, Chaplain; Br. Bill Kintner, Chancellor.**

**Br. Michael Mayfield** reported: **The Illinois Great Rivers Chapter** meets once a month with two sub-groups: the Mt Vernon, IL. group meets on the second Tuesday; the Springfield, IL. group meets on the fourth Wednesday. The attempt to start an-

other group in the Rock Island, IL./Davenport, IA, area was unsuccessful. The basic schedule for both groups is as follows: 10:00-10:35 a.m. Morning Prayer (which includes Lectio and Examine using the new book of services); 10:40-10:50 a.m. business; 10:50-11:20 a.m. Joan Chitister’s *Commentary on The Rule of St. Benedict* book study; 11:20-12:10 Communion (using the new *Book of Offices and Services*). We were not able to have an annual retreat last year and have put that on hold for a while. In addition I send out, on Monday generally, a “Weekly Wonder” (example: “The Present Moment is an ever-flowing source of Holiness!”) from Jean Pierre de Caussade’s *Abandonment to Divine Providence*. I’m trying to get a regular article in the Northern Illinois Conference newspaper. We have a link on the conference web page and working to enhance it. Our officers are: **Michael Mayfield, Prior; Lindsay Churchman, Sub-Prior; Ted Mitchell, Chancellor; Peter Wherly, Chaplain; Lee Legg, Scribe.**

**The New York Annual Conference Chapter** dissolved in June. However,

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**Br. Jack Fahey’s** request for a change in status, to become an Association of the Order, was granted in May 2013. It is not known if any meetings have occurred or been scheduled since that time.

There has been no report of any OSL activity from the **St. Paul School of Theology Chapter** since April of 2012. The end result is that the chapter has been suspended. As a seminary chapter, they are perhaps waiting for student interest and/or faculty support to reform the chapter (not uncommon for seminary chapters). If anyone has different information about this chapter, maybe with names of new student leaders or the faculty advisor, please let me know.

**Perpetual Reminder . . .** Please notify the Provincial General: (1) if the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, (2) if you are the contact person and you if you have updated contact information, (3) if you have additional news to share about your chapter or association, and (4) if you change your e-mail address.

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<http://www.Saint-Luke.net>

**Join the Cyber Chapter:** Send a message to [osl-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:osl-subscribe@yahoo.com), with “subscribe” as the subject line.

**Information for The Font** can be sent to the editor, Sr. Cynthia Astle, via email: [spirit60cba@gmail.com](mailto:spirit60cba@gmail.com), or posted to:

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**If your email address changes,** please notify the Chancellor General at [chancellor@saint-luke.org](mailto:chancellor@saint-luke.org) and The Font editor at [spirit60cba@gmail.com](mailto:spirit60cba@gmail.com) in order to keep our records accurate.

**Deadline for submissions for the May-June 2014 issue of *The Font* is April 23, 2014.**

## FROM THE COMPANION FOR INQUIRERS AND NEW MEMBERS

Br. Matthias Tanner, OSL

Since the first of the year we have received three new members and one renewing member.

They are **Br. Benjie B. Benitez** of Dagupan City, the Philippines; **Br. Blake Marchbank** from Monroe, LA; and **Sr. Renee D. Assis** in Madison NJ.



Br. Matthias Tanner

The renewing member is **Sr. Denise Boley-Long**, who lives in Alpine, Texas. As you have opportunity, please welcome them.

From time to time, I try to connect inquirers and new members to other nearby members. If you receive such a request, please take the time to reach out. For some, it can be a deciding factor in the decision to join the Order.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May 2014 Council Meeting

The May 2014 Council Meeting of the Order of Saint Luke will be held in Pittsburgh PA at the Retreat House of Saint Paul of the Cross. The Daily Office Revision Team will meet on Tuesday, May 13. The Council will meet May 14-16. Contact Prior General Sr. Sue Moore, OSL, for details on registration costs. Council meetings are open to all members of the Order.

### October 2014 Retreat

The October 2014 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke will be held in Pittsburgh PA at the Retreat House of Saint Paul of the Cross on Oct. 22-24. The theme will be "Heaven and Earth Are Full of Your Glory: Embodying God's Grace for All Creation." Details on program and registration will be forthcoming.

To submit an event of your OSL Chapter or Association to the Calendar, please email Sr. Cynthia Astle at [spirit60cba@gmail.com](mailto:spirit60cba@gmail.com). Please write "Calendar" in the subject line. Coming events should be submitted at least 3 months in advance to assure they appear in *The Font* in time.

If you have photos to accompany your submission, please send the photos as a separate file attachment. Please DO NOT embed the photos in your text document; they cannot be used in that format. Thank you!

# THE ORDO

Prepared by Br. Jack Fahey, OSL

## MARCH

(Editor's Note: This issue begins with the date by which the newsletter is expected to be received by email).

W	5	<b>Ash Wednesday P</b>
T	6	P
F	7	Perpetua and her Companions P
S	8	P

S	9	<b>1st. Sunday in Lent P</b>
M	10	Harriet Ross Tubman P
T	11	Thomas Ware P
W	12	Gregory the Great P
T	13	P
F	14	P
S	15	P

S	16	<b>2nd. Sunday in Lent P</b>
M	17	Patrick P
T	18	Cyril of Jerusalem P
W	19	<b>Joseph, Mary's Husband W</b>
T	20	Cuthbert, Fred McFeely Rogers P

F	21	P
S	22	Jonathan Edwards P

S	23	<b>3rd. Sunday in Lent P</b>
M	24	Ida Bell Wells Barnett P
		<b>Eve of Annunciation W</b>
T	25	<b>The Annunciation W</b>
W	26	Richard Allen P
T	27	P
F	28	P
S	29	Charles Wesley P

S	30	<b>4th. Sunday in Lent P</b>
M	31	John Donne, Francis Asbury P

## APRIL

T	1	P
W	2	P
T	3	P
F	4	P
S	5	George Miller, John Walter, John Dreisbach P

S	6	<b>5th Sunday in Lent P</b>
M	7	P
T	8	P
W	9	William Law and Dietrich Bonhoeffer P
T	10	P
F	11	Garfield Bromley Oxnam P
S	12	P
		<b>Eve of Passion/Palm Sunday R/P</b>

S	13	<b>Passion/Palm Sunday R/P</b>
M	14	<b>Monday of Holy Week R/P</b>
T	15	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week R/P</b>
W	16	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week R/P</b>
T	17	<b>Holy Thursday R/P, W for Eucharist</b>
F	18	<b>Good Friday R (stoles only)</b>
S	19	<b>Holy Saturday R/P-am (stoles only) W-pm Vigil of Easter</b>

S	20	<b>Easter W</b>
M	21	<b>Easter Monday W</b>
T	22	<b>Easter Tuesday W</b>
W	23	<b>Easter Wednesday W</b>
T	24	<b>Easter Thursday W</b>
F	25	<b>Easter Friday W</b>
S	26	<b>Easter Saturday W</b>

S	27	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter W</b>
M	28	<b>Mark R (transferred)</b>
T	29	Catherine of Siena & Laura Askew Haygood W
W	30	W

### Notes on The Ordo:

All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in bold type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day. Commem-

orations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P-Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

## OSL PUBLICATIONS

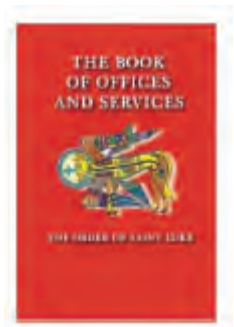
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Dwight Vogel, Editor

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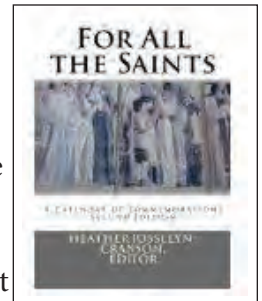
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Heather Josselyn-Cranson, Editor

As our lives become ever more complex and confusing, we are intrigued by lives that are lived with unusual purpose and clarity. Saints intrigue us religiously because so rarely anymore do we find people of such conviction that what they believe about God shapes their entire existence. They intrigue us morally because while we seem to be running out of answers for how to heal the deep rifts that exist between us, saints somehow pick a way through the rifts and build bridges over which others can travel. *For All the Saints* provides a yearly calendar for the commemoration of saints – both traditional and modern - that can inspire and guide us on our journey of a life lived well before God



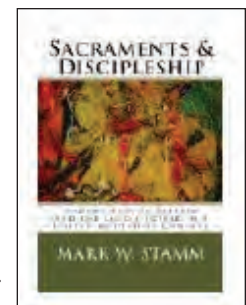
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Mark W. Stamm

The primary task of the Christian life is to respond to God's gracious initiative by loving God and our neighbor. The sacraments help us do that. This book discusses how such sacramental grace comes to us and how we might open ourselves to it in a more complete way. It emphasizes the work of God's grace, yet insists that there is a human side of the covenant, the work of receiving grace.



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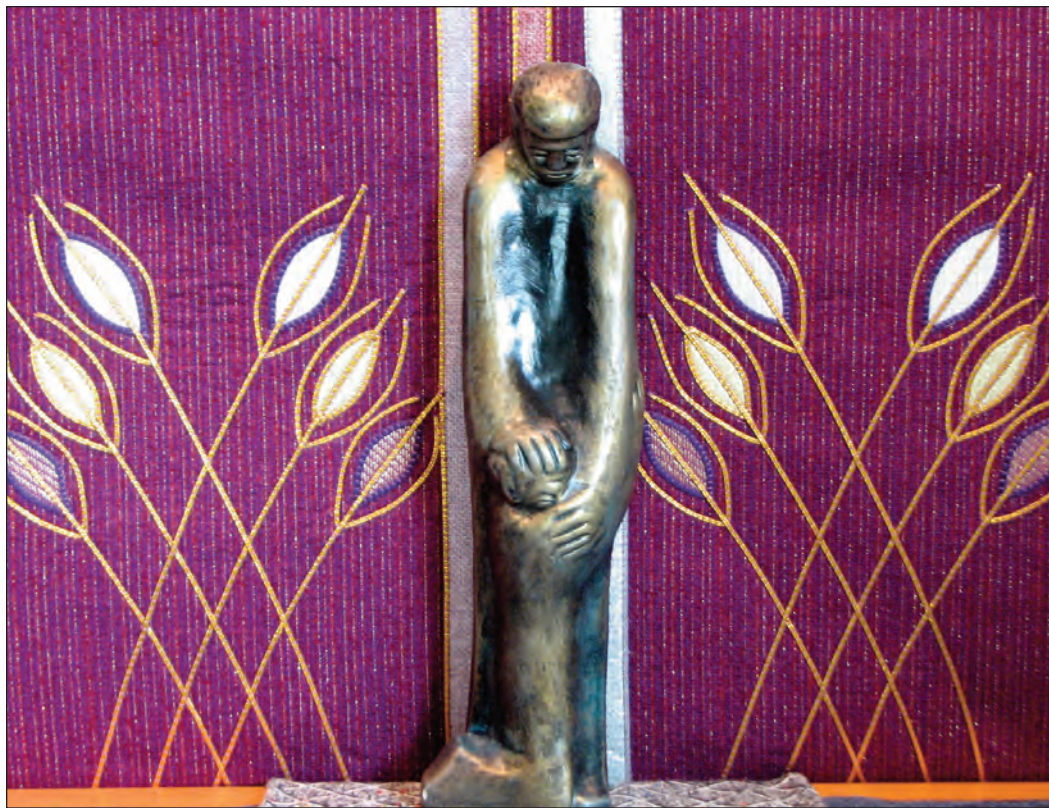


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#### MOMENT FOR MEDITATION



#### **A Lenten Prayer**

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Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Guard me, O Holy Spirit, that I myself may always be holy.

*–St. Augustine*

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