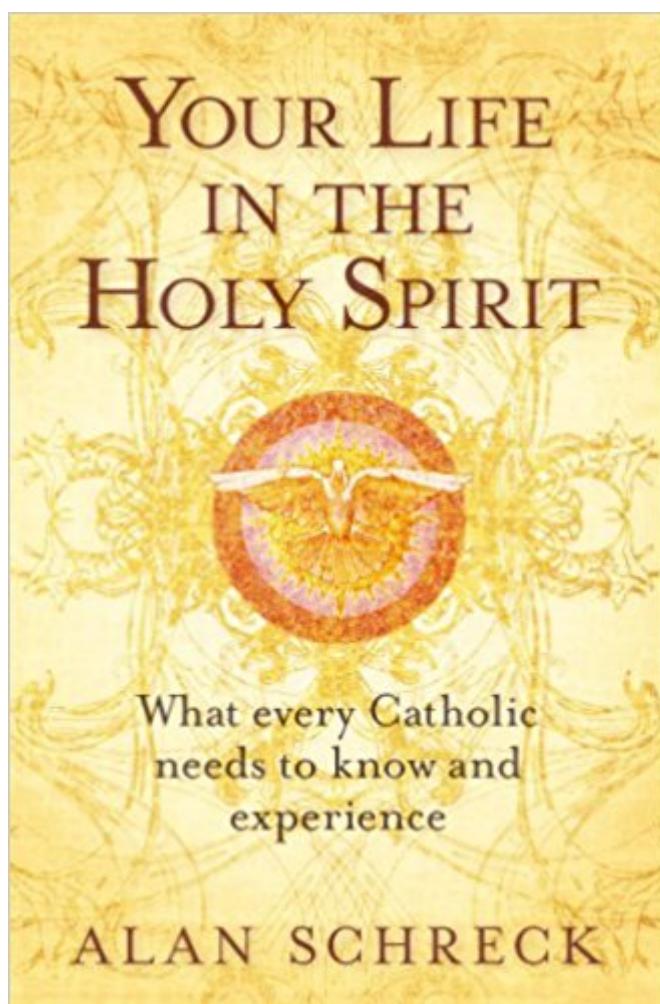


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# Your Life In The Holy Spirit: What Every Catholic Needs To Know And Experience



## Synopsis

Your Life in the Holy Spirit offers a popular and comprehensive explanation of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life. In this book, a new edition of *Hearts Aflame*, best-selling author Alan Schreck presents the Spirit as the "friend closest to our heart," who leads us in prayer, directs our mind with truth, and makes us holy. Schreck shows how the Spirit equips us to draw others to Christ, build up the church, and generate unity among its members. Readers will learn how to renew their life in the Holy Spirit, understand and receive spiritual gifts, and grow in love, joy, peace, and other fruits that are the sign that the Spirit dwells in us.

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Many articles and books have been written about the Holy Spirit as the invisible, shy, mysterious, or even missing person of the blessed Trinity. This is not surprising if we consider the names and images for the Spirit of God that we find in the Bible. "Spirit," for example, comes from the Hebrew ruah, which is literally translated "breath" or "wind." Invisible and free but also life giving, alternately gentle and serene, or powerful and howling--all this is implied in this meaning of "spirit." "Spirit" is appropriately chosen as a name for the third person of God. We do not see the Spirit, but he is life. His presence and voice can be as gentle as a spring breeze or as forceful as a hurricane. He is the Holy Spirit, because he is God--the one who is holy--totally unlike and infinitely above all else. The very word "spirit" makes the Holy Spirit difficult to picture in our minds. Other images of the Spirit in Scripture are somewhat more concrete, and each one highlights different truths about him.<sup>1</sup> The Holy Spirit is portrayed as living water flowing from the believer's heart (see John 7:38-39; Ezekiel

47:1-12; Isaiah 44:3-4; 55:1; 58:11; Revelation 22:1-2). This image reveals the Spirit as God's life-giving refreshment, cleansing and healing. The Holy Spirit is represented as a dove that descended upon Jesus (see Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10, 3:33; John 1:32). This image evokes the memory of God's covenant with Noah and represents the beginning of a new covenant that surpasses the old. The dove is a sign of the peace and purity of the Holy Spirit, which he gives to those who receive him. The Spirit is presented as the tongues of fire at Pentecost (see Acts 2:3). He is also the radiant, purifying fire manifested in the prophets--among them, Elijah, John the Baptist, and, ultimately, Jesus, who came to "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Luke 3:16). Jesus said, "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled" (Luke 12:49).

This simple but powerful prayer was taught to me by a senior priest in our diocese about a year ago. I must confess that I despite the fact that I am a lifelong practicing Catholic I never really gave all that much thought to the workings of the Holy Spirit in my own life. But I now invoke this prayer several times each day and as a result I wanted to learn more about the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. So during this past Lenten season I picked up Alan Schreck's marvelous book "Your Life in the Holy Spirit: What Every Catholic Needs to Know and Experience". Trust me, reading this marvelous little book turned out to be a real eye-opener for me. In just a couple of short months I feel I have developed a strong relationship with the Holy Spirit. At the ripe old age of 63 I have finally discovered what a powerful, positive impact the Spirit can have on my life. If you are a Catholic seeking to deepen your own faith then I would urge you to pick up this book. Read it slowly and spend time meditating on what Alan Schreck has to say. It will change your spiritual life! Highly recommended!

Great. Came as described. This reference was used as a resource for my doctoral dissertation. Thank you.

I ordered a lot of these for a spiritual reading group I lead. We all are enjoying the book and learning a lot. A great purchase.

For anyone needing inspiration. Written in a language that is easy to understand and full of bible quotes. Definitely a must for anyone wanting a better understanding of the Catholic Charismatic Movement.

Well written and understandable. The author does a good job of revealing relevance to the 21st Century.

This book can and will change your life. We are using it for our Faith Community monthly meetings. It provides hours of discussions for each chapter. If you ever wanted to know, and feel the Holy Spirit in your life, this is the book you need to read.

I love it.Ben

It gave me more insight into my Catholic Faith. I need to know more about the catholic Church and this book has me excited and wanting to read more books.

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