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## MAY 18<sup>th</sup> – DAY OF SAINT RAPHAELA MARY



*“A very humble, gentle, refined, silent Saint, spiritually rich and edifying by her example”.*

*Paulus VI*

*“Like Saint Raphaela Mary, may you too be witnesses of God's merciful love”.*

*Benedictus XVI*

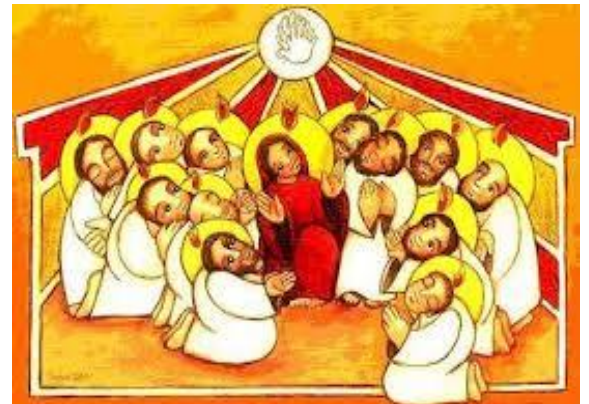
*“Saint Raphaela Mary:*

*You, who were always open to God's plans, who allowed yourself to be filled by the power of the Spirit, who had a heart without limits ready to love always, teach us to respond like you to God's plan, to present ourselves to Him with open hands to give our lives, to work for a more just and reconciled world where we can live as children of the same Father. Help us to be sowers of life and hope. Saint Raphaela Mary, pray to Jesus for us. Amen.”*

## JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> – PENTECOST

The same Spirit that inspired Jesus, that descended upon Him when He was baptized, is with us. The Spirit is the one who gathers us together, strengthens us and unites us to the Father through the Son. Let us welcome this solemnity with full confidence and let us feel that transforming force through the Gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit mobilizes the Church and unites us despite our differences. We are not alone. The Spirit lives and acts in each one of us. He impels us to bring the Gospel to all parts of the world.

*“Holy Spirit, Paraclete Spirit, comfort our hearts. Make us missionaries of your comfort, paracletes of your mercy before the world. Our Advocate, sweet counsellor of the soul, make us witnesses of the “today” of God, prophets of unity for the Church and humanity, and apostles grounded in your grace, which creates and renews all things. Amen.”*





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Dear friends of the ACI Family, dear Sisters:

Saint Raphaela Mary was docile to the Spirit and his inspirations, allowing herself to be guided by Him. She was a witness to the merciful love of God and made herself a "gift" for others.

May we too be witnesses, be the "presence" of God and "builders of peace" in the world, with the strength of the Holy Spirit and the example of our Saint.

As a Family, let us continue in prayer asking the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Saint Raphaela Mary, for the end of the war, for the victims and all those who are suffering because of it.

In friendship,

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