

## *The Holy Spirit at Work*

### **Genesis 1:2**

**The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Our catechism tells us that the work of the Holy Spirit brings us to faith and also enables us to lead a godly life.

Our verse tells us one way that he keeps us safe from all that which would harm us. Moses uses the verb “hover elsewhere to describe the action of a mother eagle hovering over her nest, providing for her young and protecting them. The life-giving Spirit of God was active at the creation, preserving what God had created , universe for what he had in mind.

How the Spirit operates reminds me of a time when Donna and I were dinning at a nice restaurant in New Orleans. While one waitress was assigned several tables, she had young assistants who were given the responsibility of only one table. Our assistant was out of our sight but had a perfect view of us and our table. He did not bother us when we were eating and took our dishes at just the right time and without interrupting. It was seamless service without being disturbed.

The perfect work of the Holy Spirit may be so perceptible that some don't believe that he is a part of the Trinity. Below are a few biblical examples:

Romans 8:15-16 *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.* Because God's Spirit bears witness to our spirit, we belong to God as dear children.

Romans 8:26-27 *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* We do not know how to pray as we ought; the strength of our prayers is not in proportion to the glory that we pray for. But the law of the Spirit of life is no mere general atmosphere in which we live; it is the personal presence of the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness. He knows the word of God and how men ought to pray for it.

Prayer: Dear Holy Spirit thank you for your faith creating work. Thank you also for your quiet but powerful work in my ongoing prayer life. Amen