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Visiting one of the Polish monasteries of the Cistercian Order some years ago, I was surprised by the map of the world from the 13th Century. On this map, the outline of the various countries was a lot different from what we know today. But the most astonishing thing on this map was the centre of the world. In the centre was the holy tomb of Jesus in the Holy City of Jerusalem. Centred around the tomb were situated other particulars of this map. First the plan of Jerusalem with the Cenacle and other important building and places connected with Jesus. Farther away from the centre were the oceans, seas, and continents with particular countries and some of the important cities of the world.

We could say that this map was not faithful to the geographical reality we know in our modern era, but this map still brings us a very important theological message. For us Christians the central event is the empty tomb of Jesus. Along with this is the Cenacle where Jesus established the Sacrament of His presence between us: the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. The Cenacle is the place where the community of the Church was born. It is surprising what happened on the day of Pentecost. Here inside of the Cenacle a restricted number of the Apostles stayed with the door blocked, scared and trembling, afraid of Jews. And from here, after the coming of the Holy Spirit the Church spread to the ends of the world.

This did not happen because of human resources, but this was and still is because of the work of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus Himself. We experience his power when we open our minds and hearts for his Wisdom.

Having in mind the events than happened in the Cenacle, we must listen to the recent words of Pope Francis who poses before us the question: "Are we open to God's surprises? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit?" We have to listen every day and give our personal answer to the voice of the Holy Spirit. It may sound naïve, but we don't have be afraid. God is with us. As the Holy Father underlines, God has wonderful surprises waiting for us if we step out in faith. It is important for everyone to have time for prayer in silence and to listen to the Holy Spirit and trust to his projects for us.

In my own example, as I look at my situation today, I am grateful that I am here in the Holy Spirit Seminary. The call to come to this part of the world — a place far from my home — was really an enormous surprise. And now I am here, and I hope to experience every day more surprises, with the hope that they will be the good surprises, and with trust in the Holy Spirit than he will assist even in the difficult moments.

When we ask what is the source of most problems and disasters, we can conclude that it is human stupidity. One of the most common faults of human beings is their lack of the Wisdom, or more simply their human stupidity. Many adults, after many years, will acknowledge that during their life they committed a lot of mistakes that they are ashamed of until they die. We are aware that only God's supernatural grace and Wisdom coming from the Holy Spirit can reduce our unwise behaviors and attitude.

On the day of the Holy Spirit we pray ardently for supernatural Wisdom from Heaven: come Holy Spirit and renew our lives our style of life. Let us recall the message of Saint Pope John Paul II: "May the Spirit come and renew the face of the earth, this earth." May the Holy Spirit come every day and renew our hearts, especially the hearts of the community at the Holy Spirit Seminary. May He inflame and inspire each one of us every day to become a better version of ourselves as priests or seminarians who are on the way to the priesthood. May He give us wisdom and zeal to be enthusiastic and committed apostles of Jesus Christ.