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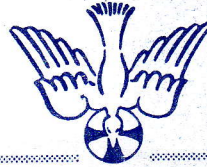
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IN THE STEPS

OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT



DO YOU KNOW your church? This trail has been designed to help you explore and appreciate the beauty and design of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

YOU WILL NEED a pencil/pen, paper for your answers, and perhaps a clipboard for your convenience.

FOLLOW the route, first outside and then inside the church, finding the answers to the questions as you go.

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

29th November, 1956 Site blessed.

19th June, 1957 Foundation Stone blessed.

25th September, 1960 Church blessed and opened.

DID YOU KNOW?

- that the site of the church was donated by Mr. Michael Hurley who lived at the time in the house now inhabited by Dean O'Connor;
- that the church is part of the rosary of churches planned by the then Bishop of Cork, Dr. Lucey;
- that the church was the first parish church in Ireland to be dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

****See the last page for details of the trail competition.****



Stand at the gate on Wilton Road and look at the church.

1. How many windows do you see in each tower?
2. What kind of stone was used in the facade?
 - (a) limestone
 - (b) brick
 - (c) sandstone
3. How many rows of panels can you see in the central dome?
4. What material was used in the dome?
- *5. Name three trees growing in front of the church.

Go to Our Lady's statue on the wall near the C.P. Centre.



THINK



1. What feeling did the artist want to convey?
2. Of what material is the statue made?
- *3. Think of a title for the statue.
4. Who sculpted the statue?
5. What do the letters R.H.A. mean?



Look at the notice in the left C.P. Centre window.

- *1. When was the C.P. centre established?
2. What is the meaning of the logo?
3. Draw the logo?
4. Name 3 activities which go on in the centre?
5. What use is made of the centre between 11-12.15 on Sundays?



Examine the foundation stone on the north wall of the church (on the Model Farm Road side).

1. Look at the foundation stone. Fill in the missing details below:



SEE

D.O.M.
THIS FOUNDATION STONE
OF
THE CHURCH OF
THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST
WAS LAID BY MOST REV.
BISHOP OF CORK
19.....
VERY REV.
J.R. BOYD BARRETT.....

2. What does D.O.M. mean?
- *3. How has the name of the church changed?
4. What was the name of the Parish when the church was built?

Walk down the steps to the back of the church and stop at the low wall.



1. What do you call the semi-circular recess?
- *2. (a) What part of the church is entered by the door?
(b) What goes on there?
3. Name all the colours you can see in the bricks.
4. What material is used in the window sills?

Walk up the slope and stop near the sacristy door.



DRAW 

1. Draw one of the windows in the drum under the dome.
2. Describe the shape of the window over the sacristy door.
3. What container is next to the steps?
- *4. What is the purpose of the ramp further on?



Enter the church by the main door.



1. In the porch find the name of the church sacristan.
- Proceed into the church.

Look at the symbols on the balcony overhead.

2. Which two symbols are repeated?
3. (a) Describe the five symbols on the front of the balcony.

(b) What do the symbols represent?
- *4. The Stations of the Cross are
(a) painted
(b) carved
(c) made of mosaic
5. What is the function of the rooms on either side of the entrance?

Walk to the 12th Station. Look back at the rose window.



1. Starting at the bottom left name the 7 sacraments shown and describe each symbol.
2. Which pane does not show a sacrament?
3. What does this pane symbolise?
- *4. What is the significance of the number of loops that radiate from the centre?
5. Why is red glass used in the centre?

THINK 

Stand under the dome.



1. What 3 objects can be seen in each corner of the dome?
2. What does each figure hold?
- *3. List the names and the symbols in each of the roundels.
4. Why were these symbols chosen for the 4 Evangelists?
5. How many windows are in the dome?



Go to Our Lady's Altar.



1. Where else in the church did you see the fleur de lis?
2. What initial is repeated?
- *3. In whose memory was the altar of Our Lady erected?

Turn left and look at the statue on the wall.

4. How do you know whose statue this is? (Note the Archbishop's cross.)

Cross the church to the other side altar.



1. What does I.H.S. mean?
2. What does this statue of Our Lord symbolise?
3. What stands near the baptismal font?

Turn right and look at the statue on the wall.

4. Whom does this statue represent?
- *5. To which order did he belong?

Return to the centre of the church and stand in front of the main altar.



THINK



- *1. What scene is represented in the mosaic?
2. Who are the people shown at the sides of the mosaic?
3. Where else in the Church did you see the rays?
4. Name the surfaces decorated with marble and describe the colours.
5. What animals are featured on the left side of the sanctuary?
6. How many symbols of the Holy Spirit, in the shape of a dove, can you see?

Do you know that the colour green symbolizes the Holy Spirit?

BEFORE you leave the church kneel and pray for those who built our beautiful church. Remember too those who continue to minister and worship here.

YOU MAY LIKE to recite the following prayer, said on the day of dedication of a church:

All-powerful and ever-living God, fill this church with your love and give your help to all who call on you in faith. May the power of your word and sacraments in this place bring strength to the people gathered here.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

COMPETITION

Answer on a page the questions marked with an asterisk (one in each section). Hand in the page with your name and address to the C.P. Centre on or before Sunday next. Prizes, including copies of the new Parish Directory, will be awarded.

HOMEWORK!

- A. **READ** Acts 2: 1-11 which describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.
- B. **DISCOVER** the location of and **VISIT**, if possible, our sister rosary churches: the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Assumption and the Coronation of Our Lady.