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## Pastor's Column

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### What a Grand Finale!

This past Sunday, on the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrated the end of the 'Great Fifty Days.'

For the past fifty days we were celebrating 'Resurrection Sunday,' and with the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, these days came to a close.

Throughout this Easter Season, our Faith Community here at St. Thomas More Parish truly was in touch with who we are, what we believe, and how we live out that belief.

The Resurrection of Jesus, and His Presence in our midst, was palpable! Weekend after weekend, in our Eucharistic Liturgies, through word, ritual action, music, liturgical environment, and hospitable interaction among the Assembly, we witnessed to our faith in the Paschal Mystery.

The climax of these 'Great Fifty Days' is the Feast of Pentecost, and we celebrated in grand style last Sunday!

Thank you to each and every one of you who, in any way, helped to make our celebration so meaningful.

Choirs and musicians who were present for all three liturgies this past week-end, our liturgical environment team who have created an exquisite ambience in our liturgical space not only on Pentecost but all through the Easter Season, and all the liturgical

ministers assisting at the Masses, thank you! A special thank you to Douglas Lynn for overseeing all of these various ministries.

It also was very special to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday during a regularly scheduled Mass.

Thanks to those who were confirmed, the Confirmandi of 2011! You were very focused, alert, and prayerful as you received the gift of the Spirit. And you smiled! You made Bishop Chavez very happy, and you made me proud of you!

Thanks to the parents of the Confirmandi, the sponsors, the catechists, Marc Raymundo, our Youth Advocate, and Kathleen Bell, our Faith Formation Director, for all that you have done and continue to do for the youth of our Parish. Thank you for your leadership in bringing this year's Confirmandi to the 'Well of Faith,' and to drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

We continue to move through our Liturgical Year. We continue to unite our 'Paschal Mysteries' to the Paschal Mystery of Christ. In that union of our crosses to the cross of Christ, we find not death, but rather, we find new life, new hope, and new beginnings.

Come, Holy Spirit!

*F. Mike*