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Fr. Danny Murphy – Ascension Sunday 2019

From our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles: "In a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." In seven days, next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit and be filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Patience, peace, joy, love, faith, goodness, generosity, mildness, meekness, kindness, humility, chastity. Wouldn't you love to live your life filled with those fruits of the Holy Spirit. Wouldn't you love to live your life filled with patience, peace, joy, love, faith, goodness, generosity, mildness, meekness, kindness, humility, chastity? Wouldn't you love to lead the rest of your life filled with those fruits of the Holy Spirit? Recently, I have noticed that I am allowing my ego to be bruised more easily and more often than it used to be. I am allowing my ego to be bruised easily and often! I cannot allow my bruised ego to rob me of living my life filled

with patience, peace, joy, love, faith, goodness, generosity, mildness, meekness, kindness, humility, chastity. Now, you and I, are going to reflect together on something altogether different from what we considered. About fifteen years ago, I read a story and for some reason, I reread it this week. It helped me and I hope it will help you. A little preface to the story: You might find it a little lengthy, but I urge you to stay with me because I think that it has a message that can be very important for us. In Borneo, a village was afflicted with a severe epidemic of malaria. The malaria epidemic, was so severe that the United Nations' World Health Organization sent in a huge amount of DDT which they sprayed in the affected area. The DDT was to kill the mosquitos that were causing the malaria. All went well for a while, but then people began to notice that the thatched rooves of their houses were collapsing. Why? Because the DDT that killed the mosquitos also killed wasps. Wasps ate caterpillars, caterpillars are thatched roof eaters. So without the wasps, the caterpillars were destroying the rooves. The people also noticed an alarming increase of rats, who were running wild. Why? Because DDT is poison and lizards who ate bugs became poisonous and the cats who ate the lizards now became poisoned and died. With far fewer cats, there were far more rats. Finally the World Health Organization has to ship into the area, a large supply of wasps and cats! Now, what is the bottom line of that long story? Did you notice that in nature, all things are interconnected? Well, for you and for me, as humans, we are all interconnected. The great mystic, St. Julian of Norwich teaches us that God created all of us simultaneously. In one instant God created everyone, then, on what we call our

