



'Prudence is not indecision; it is not a defensive attitude,'

"It is the virtue of the pastor who, in order to serve with wisdom, is able to discern, to be receptive to the newness of the Spirit."

"Fidelity to the newness of the Spirit is a grace that we must ask for in prayer. May the Spirit, who makes all things new, give us his own daring prudence; may he inspire our Synod to renew the paths of the Church in Amazonia, so that the fire of mission will continue to burn."

"God's fire burns, yet does not consume."

"It is the fire of love that illumines, warms

and gives life, not a fire that blazes up and devours. When peoples and cultures are devoured without love and without respect, it is not God's fire but that of the world,"

"The fire set by interests that destroy, like the fire that recently devastated Amazonia, is not the fire of the Gospel. The fire of God is warmth that attracts and gathers into unity."

"I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands."

"Be a gift of God." "We received a gift so that we might become a gift."

"To be faithful to our calling, our mission, Saint Paul reminds us that our gift has to be rekindled," the pope stated, adding that the status quo smothers the missionary fire.

There is also a kind of destructive "fire" that wants everything and everyone to be the same. It "blazes up when people want to promote only their own ideas, for their own group, wipe out differences..." "the fire that rekindles the gift is the Holy Spirit, the giver of gifts."