

"Shall we call down fire from heaven to consume them?"

So ask the apostles the first proponents of nuclear holocaust!

And the people of Samaria would not receive them because they were on the way to Jerusalem.

Tribalism: Ours is good. Their's is bad.

And Britain withdraws from the European Union.

And part of the reason is tribalism.

And here in the U.S.A.

N.R. A. score 100

Common Sense: ZERO

IT IS FASCINATING HOW A FIERCELY DEDICATED MINORITY TRIUMPHS OVER THE MAJORITY WSHES EVERY TIME.

One reason: they are *inspired*, and the majority is not.

They are red hot. And the rest of us are lukewarm/

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading: "Live by the Spirit..."

Surely the Spirit endorses common sense, but are we listening to the Spirit?

Or are we simply too numb, beguiled by the drone of escapism which urges us to "LOVE YOUR LAXATIVE?" *

DO YOU "LOVE YOUR LAXATIVE....OR RATHER YOUR NEIGHBOR?

So now we wait for the next slaughter by automatic weapons.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asked some to follow him....yet they had other tasks to perform before they could get around to that.□

Are we all too busy "loving our laxatives" and our guns which have become our idols, and□ other distractions as well?

And so we pray:

Come Holy Spirit

Awken us from our slumber.

You are the Spirit of LOVE

and we have perverted that word:

into loving our laxatives,

our precious guns,

and all our other distractions,

which numb our minds

and stifles our spirits, and THE SPIRIT.

COME HOLY SPIRIT!

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Amen

*** Yes LOVE has moved into the toilet world with one ad advising us to "love our laxative" and another urging us to "love your fiber!"**

