

“THE HOLY SPIRIT, ACTIVE IN OUR LIVES”

Briefly tell the story behind the gift you brought.
Who gave it to you? When did you receive it? - describe the
Circumstances. Why is it important to you?

Story of Peter

Gift of the Holy Spirit

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom: The ability to see things from all sides, to get the “whole picture,” the truth. Wisdom puts all things in relation to God and helps us know what to pray for and where to use the talents and resources God gives us. Wisdom also opens our eyes to see God’s response to our prayers.

Understanding: The ability to see from another person’s perspective, to feel the others and to put these before our own. In the ordinary experiences of life, understanding reveals God’s presence to our. The gift of understanding enables us to grasp the meaning of faith in whatever circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Right Judgment/Counsel: Guides our actions by helping us see the world as God sees it. This gift enables us to use Scripture and the traditions of the Church to guide our lives. It also helps us to advise one another according to the Spirit of Jesus.

Knowledge: Moves individuals beyond themselves and opens our hearts And minds to realize that life comes from God and returns to God. Knowledge gives the gift of objectivity, of seeing the world around us as it really is, rather than as we would like it to be.

Reverence/Piety: A reverence for God as creator of all things. It builds a respect and dignity for all people and all nature as works of God.

Fear of the Lord: A sense of awe and wonder at the greatness of God’s love and power. This gift gives us the ability to be amazed by things in life, to be awake to the realization that we are always in God’s presence.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

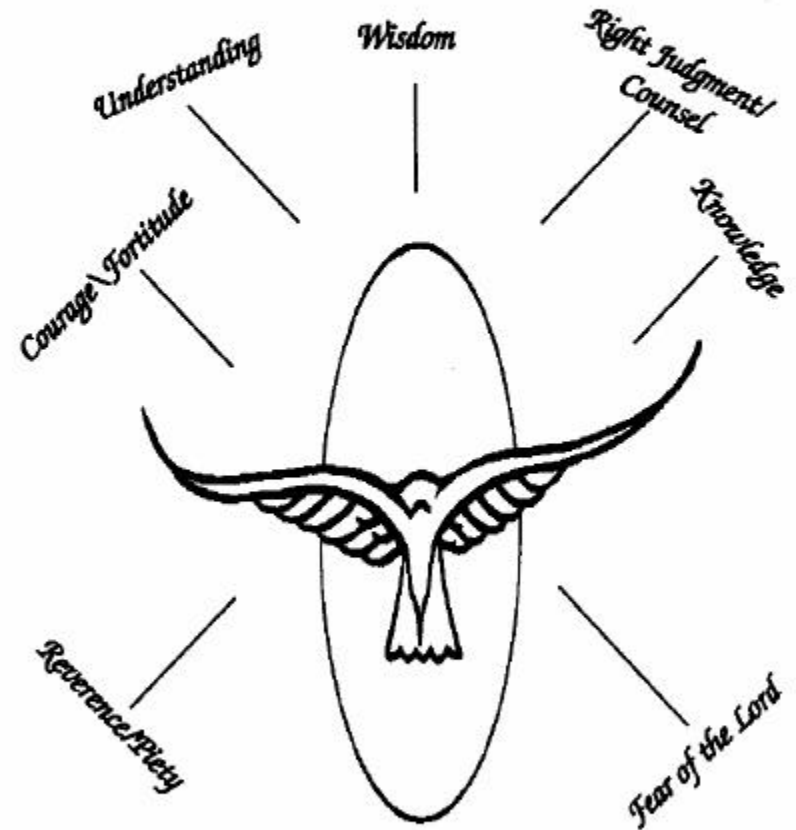
1. Looking again at the significant person in your life and the gift/s they have given you, recall an experience with that person in which you either used or failed to use one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
2. (a) Parents/Teens—Name a time when you used or did not use one of the gifts with your teen/parent.

(b) When you used a gift of the Holy Spirit in the situation or relationship, what difference did it make? If you did not use a gift, how might the situation have been difference if the gift has been used?

CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE

ALL: We thank you for the gift of your Spirit, Lord! Help our family members to feel God's love through the love we take home today. With the power of the Holy Spirit help us to see and respond to each others needs. Help us to support and encourage one another as we struggle in this world. Above all, help us all to live as the Body of Christ in the world to being about the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Gifted for the Journey: Gifts of the Holy Spirit



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