

# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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**OPENING PRAYER:** “Come, Holy Spirit, send forth the heavenly radiance of your light.

Come, Father of the poor.

Come, giver of gifts.

Come, light of the heart.

Greatest comforter, sweet guest of the soul, sweet consolation: in labor, rest; in heat, temperance; in tears, solace.

O most blessed light, fill the inmost heart of your faithful.

Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

Cleanse what is unclean,

Water what is dry.

Heal what has been wounded.

Flex what is inflexible.

Warm what is chilled.

Correct what has gone astray.

Give to your faithful, those who trust in you, the sevenfold gifts.

Grant the reward of virtue, the deliverance of salvation, and our eternal joy. **AMEN.**

**-HOW DO WE REACT WHEN WE RECEIVE A GIFT?**

**-IF SOMEONE WANTS TO SHARE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BEST GIFT THEY EVER RECEIVED OR SHARE MAYBE THE BEST GIFT THEY GAVE TO SOMEONE ELSE.**

**\*WHEN A PRIEST GAVE ME A SPANISH BIBLE: “DIOS HABLA HOY”**

# **-WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO FOR ME?**

**-The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us at baptism but they are strengthen and sealed in us through the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION.**

**-THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE:**

**-WISDOM**

**-UNDERSTANDING**

**-KNOWLEDGE**

**-COUNSEL**

**-FORTITUDE**

**-PIETY**

**FEAR OF THE LORD**

## WISDOM:

**-“Who is someone you know whom you consider to be a wise person?**

**-How do you think these people became so wise?**

**-How can we grow in wisdom?**

# UNDERSTANDING

-Understanding helps us to know HOW DO I LIVE THIS LIFE?

-How am I going to be the SAINT that I am call to be?

## KNOWLEDGE

-One of the best ways to get to know someone better is to learn more about them. In the same way, we can get to know God better by learning more about God and what He has done for us. Praying regularly is another way to get to know God better.

-The better we **know**, the better we feel.

-The more that I know how much I am loved by God, then the more that I will share God's love with others. It is important to know that God loves me, even though I am a mess. It is important for you to know that God loves you, even though you are a mess, a disaster.

## COUNSEL

-Let's mention some **difficult decisions** that you guys face everyday: such as being exposed to different temptations: drugs, alcohol, sex, and choosing friends. Then the gift of counsel helps us recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in ourselves and others so we can discern and follow the best advice.

**-Who can you go to for help in making difficult decisions?**

*\*These 4 gifts have to do with the Intellect (To know God's will)*

# FORTITUDE

(Courage; bravery, strength to do the right thing even when it is difficult)

- How can you show fortitude in your family?*
- How can you show fortitude in your school?*
- How can you show fortitude with your friends?*
- How can you show fortitude on teams?*
- How can you show fortitude with younger children?*
- How do you think the following people would define fortitude:*
  - Saint Francis of Assisi?*
  - Pope Francis?*
  - Saint Teresa of Calcutta?*
- How the following people show fortitude:*
  - Your parents?*
  - Your teachers?*
  - Your best friend?*
  - The Missionaries?*
  - Our Catholic Church?*
- How did Jesus show fortitude?*

# PIETY

## (Reverence)

-It means to have a deep respect, love, worship, and reverence toward God and reliance on prayer and worship.

-It may hurt our feelings when someone doesn't show us the respect we deserve. The Holy Spirit gives us a gift to help us show the proper respect for God.

## FEAR OF THE LORD

-What is an example of Moses showing that he was filled with **fear of the Lord** when God talked to him in the fired-bush?

-What are some examples of things we see or hear every day that fill us with **fear of the Lord**?

*(beautiful sunrise or sunset, bird singing,*

*someone helping a person with a disability,*

*a newborn baby, someone using their talent to sing,*

*dance, or play sport, etc, etc)*

*\*These 4 gifts have to do with the will (how to love God) (To do God's will)*

**-Are you asking for these 7 GIFTS?**

**-Which of the 7 gifts do you feel more connected?**

**-HOW CAN I GROW IN THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?**