

9.2 Explain each of the following marks (visible signs) of the Church:

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HOLY:

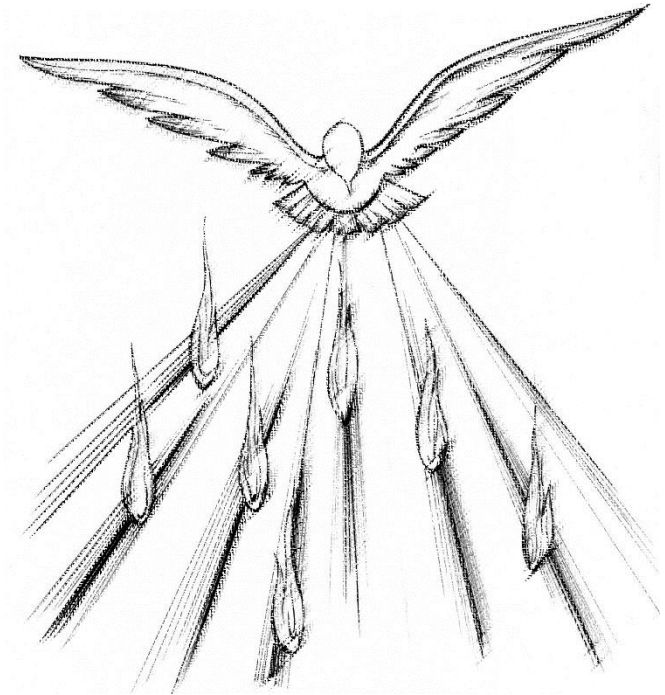
CATHOLIC:

APOSTOLIC:

9.3 What makes you proud to be Catholic?  
In what way has the Church disappointed you?

## **Session 8 The Holy Spirit**

## **Session 9 The Church**



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I have discussed the material with the candidate and affirm that (s)he understands the material intellectually and demonstrates the desire to apply the content to a lived faith.

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**“Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”  
Saint John Paul II**

8.1/9.1 In your own words: What is Church, and what is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church?

8.2 Put a ★ next to the Gift(s) of the Holy Spirit that you most need right now.

1. **Wisdom:** The ability to discern what is true, right, and lasting. Wisdom enables us to see life from God’s perspective. It helps you to establish the right priorities in your life, and leads you to think and act in mature ways.
2. **Understanding:** Allows you to look beyond the shallowness of the world and see the lasting truth in every situation, by recognizing how God is working in our lives.
3. **Counsel:** The right judgment that allows us to see what is right and what is wrong, and the prudence to act accordingly.
4. **Fortitude:** The courage and strength of will to do what you know you should, even if that means personal loss or suffering.
5. **Knowledge:** The ability to see things from a supernatural viewpoint. In particular, to know what God is asking of you.
6. **Piety:** A loyalty to God that manifests as generous love and affectionate obedience. This is the gift that allows you to love and worship God as he deserves to be loved and worshipped.
7. **Fear of the Lord (Reverence):** Helps us to grasp God’s greatness and our dependence on him. As a result, we are filled with enormous respect for God and we dread above all offending him or being separated from him. Our Jewish ancestors believed that fear of the Lord was the beginning of wisdom. Of course, it is not a fear like we usually think of fear today. It is more like an overwhelming sense of not wanting to disappoint the One who has done (and continues to do) so much for us.

8.3 Who do you know who exemplifies the fruits of the Holy Spirit? Explain.

8.5 I Corinthians 6:19 teaches us that we are each a temple of the Holy Spirit. Are you honoring your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit? What change(s) do you need to make to make your body a better home for God—rest, food, exercise, chastity? Make the change!