

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Parents,

Bishop Raica has stressed that we have to work harder on helping the students learn the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

To that end, I've included a sheet listing the 7 gifts, a sentence or two that explains how that gift helps us and included some pictures that maybe will help them remember the actual words.

I've listed the gifts in a little different order than you've probably seen them in the past. This order just made more sense to me in trying to remember all 7 gifts.

First we have to have Knowledge. Once we have enough knowledge we can come to some Understanding. With enough understanding we can obtain some Wisdom. With wisdom comes Right Judgment. When we have right judgment, we can have the Courage to stand up for our faith and beliefs. When we put that courage to work, God will Awaken us with more power to help build His Kingdom than we can even imagine. At all times we should be respectful of God by having Reverence toward God, especially at Mass or when we are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Obviously, all these gifts are given at the time of Confirmation, not in a step by step fashion, but maybe this will help someone remember them a little easier.

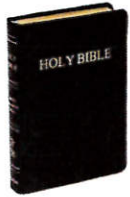
I'm also including in this e-mail, the other information Fr. Bob expects the students to know: Basic Truths with a couple of definitions: a list of the sacraments and their signs; the Ten Commandments; the Gifts of the Holy Spirit again; and the Precepts of the Church. The more the children see these words and talk about them, the easier it will be for them to remember and understand about our faith.

If you have any questions or other suggestions, please let me know. If you've found something that works, we should all try it.

Peace,

Brett

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KNOWLEDGE

Helps us know God and the teachings of the Church.

Helps us know what is truly valuable in life.



UNDERSTANDING

Helps us know what our faith and life mean in God's plan.



WISDOM

Helps us place God first in our life so that we can make wise choices.



RIGHT JUDGMENT

Helps us make right choices and helps others do the same.



COURAGE

Helps us be strong and do what is right in confronting the darkness around us and the fear within us.



WONDER & AWE

Helps us know God's power and to trust Him.



REVERENCE (PIETY)

Helps us worship and give praise to God by walking, talking and acting with sacred respect.